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Murugha Mutt seer files anticipatory bail plea

HUBBALLI

Chitradurga Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who is facing charges of sexually abusing minor girls , moved an application in a local court seeking anticipatory bail.

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Bescom issues guidelines for public festivities

BENGALURU

Organisers of public Ganesh Chaturthi pandals should pay the required fees and seek approval from Bescom prior to taking temporary electricity connections for the celebrations, according to guidelines issued by the company on Monday.

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Tharoor may contest Cong. poll

He hopes several candidates in fray may vitalise party

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NEW DELHI

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor is exploring the possibility of running for the party president's post, *The Hindu* has learnt.

According to sources, Mr. Tharoor has been in touch with party leaders to figure out whether he can gain a critical mass of support, though the possibility of his victory against an official nominee is slim.

A key indication in this direction came from an article Mr. Tharoor wrote for a Malayalam daily on Monday, in which he expressed hope that several candidates come forward for the contest, scheduled for October 17. Filing of nominations will begin on September 24, and the last date is September 30.

Poll pitch: Shashi Tharoor has said that a leadership vacuum at the top has had a damaging effect within the party. • FILE PHOTO

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is the likely nominee of the Gandhi family, which has decided to stay away from the contest.

Mr. Tharoor, citing the example of the ongoing leadership race in Britain's Conservative Party, which has attracted global interest, wrote in *Mathrubhoomi* that such a scenario in the Congress would similarly "increase the national interest in the party and galvanise more voters towards the Congress party once again". He went on to write, "For this reason, I hope that several candidates come forward to present themselves for consideration. Putting forward their visions for the party and the nation will surely stir public interest."

'Damaging effect'

He further wrote that the leadership vacuum at the top has had a damaging effect within the party.

"By fixing the current leadership vacuum and institutionalising a process through which the Congress worker can have a concrete say in the leaders that represent them, and free and fair elections will give the party the strong footing it needs in the hearts of the workers and the general public," Mr. Tharoor noted.

However, when *The Hindu* contacted Mr. Tharoor, who was in his Thiruvananthapuram constituency, he declined to comment.

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Amid floods, Pak. open to restarting trade with India

Modi extends condolences in rare outreach

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Extending "heartfelt condolences" to victims of the floods in Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he was saddened by the crisis, in a rare outreach to the neighbouring country on a day Pakistan's Finance Minister said he could consider reopening trade routes with India.

"Saddened to see the devastation caused by the floods in Pakistan. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the injured and all those affected by this natural calamity and hope for an early restoration of normalcy," Mr. Modi said in a tweet.

In deep trouble: A man crossing a flooded street following heavy rain in Nowshera in Pakistan on Monday. • REUTERS

Earlier, speaking to the media in Islamabad, Pakistan's Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said that given the extent of the calamity, the Pakistani government could consider reversing its three-year-old ban on trade with India, and open trade routes for vegetables and other essential commodities.

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Reliance Jio to roll out 5G services from Oct.

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MUMBAI

The Jio telecom unit of Reliance Industries Ltd. will introduce its 5G services by Deepavali [October second half] starting with the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said on Monday.

The 5G services will be expanded to other cities, in phases over 18 months, so as to cover the entire country by December 2023, Mr. Ambani told shareholders at the company's 45th annual general meeting. "Jio's ambitious 5G roll-out plan will be the fastest in the world," Mr. Ambani said.

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Violent crimes back to pre-COVID levels

Rape, kidnapping, atrocities against children, robberies up across India in 2021

VIGNESH RADHAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

Violent crimes such as rape, kidnapping, atrocities against children, and robberies registered across India increased in 2021, after the pandemic-related restrictions led to a decline in these severe offences in 2020.

Murders, which did not come down even in 2020, continued to increase in 2021 too, according to data from National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)'s 2021 report.

The number of registered rape cases increased from 28,046 in 2020 to 31,677 in 2021, closer to the 2019 figure of 32,032. Cases related to kidnapping and abduction fell to 84,805 in 2020 from 1,05,036 cases in 2019, but again rose to 1,01,707 in 2021. On the other hand, murder cases continued their consistent increase with 29,272 cases in 2021, up from 29,193 in 2020 and 28,915 in 2019.

However, the number of overall registered cognisable crimes decreased from 66 lakh in 2020 to 60.9 lakh in 2021, a 7.6% fall.

The crime rate (crimes per 1 lakh people) also decreased from 487.8 in 2020 to 445.9 in 2021. The decline in overall crimes in 2021 can be attributed to a sharp decrease in cases registered under 'disobedience to order duly promulgated by a public servant (Section 188 of the IPC).'

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Mysuru highway, Ramanagaram flooded

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Ramanagaram and Channapatna witnessed unprecedented scenes of flooding on Monday. With multiple lakes overflowing, parts of Ramanagaram, Channapatna, and the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway were flooded with knee-deep water in many places. Two people were killed in Ramanagaram district.

Nearly, 2,200 houses have been partially or fully damaged due to heavy rain, while 3,863 houses were inundated on Monday. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced distribution of ₹10,000 as relief and food-kits to the affected families.

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Rupee slump

10 In paise, the amount by which the rupee fell to close at 79.94 (provisional) against the U.S. dollar. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 80.10 and fell to its all-time low of 80.15 against the U.S. dollar in intra-day trade. The local unit finally settled at 79.94 a dollar. On July 20, the rupee for the first time closed below the 80-mark at 80.05 against the U.S. dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index was trading 0.28% higher at 109.10 after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell adopted a hawkish tone to battle inflation. PTI

Jio push for 5G

25 In $ billion, the amount committed by Mukesh Ambani to launch 5G networks in India. Mr. Ambani said Jio will launch 5G services in major cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai in time for the Indian festival of Diwali in late October. A pan-India roll-out will follow, with an aim to cover every district in the country by December 2023. Mr. Ambani stopped short of announcing leadership changes at Monday's AGM, instead asking shareholders to extend their blessings to his three children. AFP

Flood toll in Pakistan

1,061 The death toll from monsoon flooding in Pakistan since June according to figures by the country's National Disaster Management Authority. The annual monsoon is essential for irrigating crops and replenishing lakes and dams across the Indian subcontinent, but each year it also brings a wave of destruction. Officials say this year's monsoon flooding has affected more than 33 million people — one in seven Pakistanis — destroying or badly damaging nearly a million homes. AFP

Traffic accidents

1.73 In lakh, the number of people who lost their lives in around 4.22 lakh traffic accidents in the country in 2021 with U.P. reporting the highest number of deaths (24,711 deaths) followed by Tamil Nadu (16,685). According to the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of traffic accidents in the country increased from 3.68 lakh in 2020 to 4.22 lakh in 2021. A rising trend was seen in the total number of deaths in 'traffic accidents' from 2017 to 2019 with a sharp decline in 2020. PTI

Climate change losses

5.6 In $ trillion, the possible losses to GDP by 2050 due to worsening droughts, storms and torrential rain in some of the world's largest economies according to a report. This year heavy rains have triggered floods that inundated cities in China and South Korea and disrupted water and electricity supply in India, while drought has put farmers' harvests at risk across Europe. Such disasters are costing the global economy billions of dollars. In the U.S., losses could total $3.7 trillion by 2050. REUTERS

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LETTER & SPIRIT

The jurisprudence of bail

The Supreme Court has time and again reiterated that "bail is the rule and jail is the exception"

THE GIST

- The jurisprudence of bail in post-independent India, is anchored on the bedrock of Article 21 of the Constitution which states that liberty can be deprived only through the procedure established by law, which must be "just, fair and reasonable".
- Prolonged detention of an accused pending trial may convert the process itself into a punishment rendering a finding of acquittal practically useless as the accused would have suffered much of the punishment by then. This is why grant of bail is fundamentally important.
- Grant of regular bail is usually guided by what is referred to as the triple test — the ascertainment of whether the accused is at flight risk; possibility of tampering with the evidence and influencing witnesses.

ABHILASH M.R.

The jurisprudence of bail in post-independent India, is anchored on the bedrock of Article 21 of the Constitution which safeguards not only life but also liberty by commanding that liberty can be deprived only through the procedure established by law, which must be "just, fair and reasonable". The same procedural law which provides for arrest and incarceration, ensures that bail can be sought by an accused through a broad spectrum of provisions ranging from pre-arrest bail to statutory bail. While the former envisaged under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) enables the accused to approach a Sessions court or High Court seeking a direction to release him on bail in case he is arrested on a non-bailable offence, the latter, as conceived under Section 167 of the CrPC, vests with the accused the right to be released if the investigation is not completed within ninety days or sixty days, as the case may be, depending on the severity of the alleged offence.

The basic presumption

The presumption of innocence is a foundational postulate in India's criminal jurisprudence. This is the main reason why an accused is usually released on bail pending investigation and trial except for a few offences under the Penal Code as well as offences framed under special statutes like the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, all of which impose extremely rigid conditions for the grant of bail.

While bail refers to the conditional release of a person from confinement or custody during investigation and trial, it can also be sought during the appellate stage to prevent endless internment during the pendency of appeal though the benefit of the presumption of innocence is not available at the latter stage. In the ever-enduring words of Justice Krishna Iyer, "The issue of 'Bail or Jail' – at the pre-trial or post-conviction stage – although largely hinging on judicial discretion, is one of liberty, justice, public safety and burden of the public treasury, all of which insist that a developed jurisprudence of bail is integral to a socially sensitised judicial process. After all, personal liberty of an accused or convict is fundamental, suffering lawful eclipse only in terms of procedure established by law." (*Gudikanti Narasimhulu vs Public Prosecutor (1977)*).

Grant of bail as the rule

A common misnomer that precipitates public apprehension is the perception that jail is and ought to be a necessary consequence of arrest and the failure to jail an accused post-arrest endangers public justice. In fact, prolonged detention of an accused pending trial may convert the process itself into a punishment rendering a finding of acquittal practically useless as the accused would have suffered much of the punishment by then. Unless bail is granted to an accused who is presumed to be innocent in the eyes of the law until guilt is proven, he may not be able to take the necessary steps lawfully permissible to defend himself. The Supreme Court has time and again reiterated that "bail is the rule and jail is the exception".

A conjoint reading of Section 436 (bailable offences)and 437 (non-bailable offences) of the CrPC makes it clear that the wisdom of the legislature is to secure bail as the rule and jail as the exception. Such an understanding reflects the legal lineage which can be traced back to the verdict of the Allahabad High Court in *Emperor vs H. L. Hutchinson* (1932), wherein the trade unionists who were accused to have conspired against the empire were granted bail on the basis of the aforesaid principle. This principle has been consistently reaffirmed by the Supreme Court in a catena of decisions including the constitution bench decision in *Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia* (1980).

The CrPC defines "bailable offence" as an offence which is shown as bailable in the First Schedule of the CrPC , or which is made bailable by any other law for the time being in force; and "non-bailable offence" means any other offence. While bail is a matter of right in bailable offences, in non-bailable offences, the grant of bail is at the discretion exercised by the judge taking note of the factual aspects of the case. It was held by the Calcutta High Court in 1923 " that the discretionary power of the Court to admit to bail is not arbitrary, but is judicial", and "is governed by established principles."(*Nagendra vs King Emperor*).

Judicial discretion and its requirements

As declared by the Supreme Court, "the grant or denial is regulated, to a large extent, by the facts and circumstances of each particular case. But at the same time, right to bail is not to be denied merely because of the sentiments of the community against the accused. The primary purposes of bail in a criminal case are to relieve the accused of imprisonment, to relieve the State of the burden of keeping him, pending the trial, and at the same time, to keep the accused constructively in the custody of the Court, whether before or after conviction, to assure that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the Court and be in attendance thereon whenever his presence is required." (*Sanjay Chandra vs CBI (2011)*). In practice, the notion of judicial discretion remains circumscribed by the judicial pronouncements of superior courts.

However, a cryptic judicial order sans ratiocination is unhealthy as it endangers not only liberty but also law. The application of the mind is a necessary pre-requisite of a sound judicial order.

In 2022, the Supreme Court derided the recent tendency of granting or refusing bail through terse orders by observing that "reasoning is the life blood of the judicial system. That every order must be reasoned is one of the fundamental tenets of our system. A non-reasoned (cryptic) order suffers the vice of arbitrariness."(*Ms. Y versus State of Rajasthan & Ors.(2022)*).

The triple test

The grant of regular bail is usually guided by what is referred to as the triple test – the ascertainment of whether the accused is at flight risk; possibility of tampering with the evidence and influencing witnesses. In addition to the above three, it was held by a three-judge-bench of the Supreme Court (*P. Chidambaram Case* (2019)) that the gravity of the offence may also be an additional consideration which may be ascertained by the sentence prescribed for the offence alleged to have been committed.

Despite multitude of declarations of the apex court, one is left surprised that there are numerous instances of courts of law violating the legal principles declared by the Supreme Court and resorting to verdicts beyond reason and comprehension. The right to personal liberty as manifested in Article 21 will remain elusive as long as institutional attitudes remain stymied by such perverse considerations.

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EXPLAINER

Najib Razak and the 1MDB scandal

What led to the fall of the former Prime Minister of Malaysia? On what charges is he being convicted?

PRIYALI PRAKASH

The story so far: On August 23, Malaysia's top court upheld the conviction and 12-year prison sentence awarded to former Prime Minister Najib Razak in the multi-billion-dollar graft scandal linked to the looting of funds from 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB). Najib lost his final appeal in the case and had to immediately begin serving the sentence. Najib Razak served as the Prime Minister of Malaysia from 2009 to 2018.

What is 1MDB?

Now insolvent, 1MDB was a state-owned company co-founded by Najib in 2009 purported to promote development. During its initial years, 1MDB signed ventures with companies like PetroSaudi and was also funded by investment company Goldman Sachs in deals worth billions of dollars. In 2015, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that millions of dollars from 1MDB accounts were transferred to Najib's personal accounts, bringing global attention to money laundering through the state-owned 1MDB fund. Investigations related to the allegations were launched internationally, in countries like the U.S., Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland and Abu Dhabi. Najib denied all allegations of wrongdoing.

How was the scam unearthed?

Xavier Justo, a former employee of Petro Saudi, became the unlikely whistleblower of the 1MDB scandal when he handed around 2,27,000 company emails in the beginning of 2015 to Malaysian publication *The Edge* and investigative journalist Clare Rewcastle Brown.

In February 2015, *The Edge* reported that 1MDB was over RM30 billion (more than $10 billion) in debt, which was unusual for a five-year-old state fund. Following the allegations, Malaysia formed a special task force that included officials from central bank, police, anti-grant agency and the attorney general's chambers. It was after this that the *Wall Street Journal* made its revelations, following which , international investigations related to the scandal were launched.

In an attempt to stifle dissent against the corruption allegations, Najib reshuffled the Malaysian cabinet, sacked his deputy, and replaced the attorney general. In January 2016, the new attorney general cleared him of all charges, saying that the almost-$700 million that he received in his personal account were a donation from the Saudi royal family. His relief, however, was short lived. An investigation by Swiss authorities into the indebted Malaysian state investment fund indicated that $4 billion may have been misappropriated from state-owned companies of Malaysia. In July 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a civil suit to recover "more than $1 billion in assets associated with an international conspiracy to launder funds misappropriated from a Malaysian sovereign wealth fund". The investigation also brought Leonardo DiCaprio-starrer *The Wolf of Wall Street* under the radar, which was produced by Najib's stepson Riza Aziz. Investigators alleged that Mr. Riza used money laundered through the 1MDB scam towards making the movie. Mr. DiCaprio won the Golden Globe Award for the movie and thanked Riza and Jho Low for "not only being collaborators but (also) taking a risk on this movie". Mr. Low was a friend of Mr. Riza and was accused of siphoning billions of dollars from the 1MDB fund. In July 2022, he offered the government RM1.5 billion to settle the charges against him. His offer was denied by the government, *Free Malaysia Today* reported.

Former Prime Minister of Malaysia Najib Razak. • AP

A part of the document released by the U.S. Department of Justice says that the conspirators used "complex transactions and fraudulent shell companies" through bank accounts in Singapore, Switzerland, Luxembourg and the U.S. to invest in assets in the country. These transactions purposefully hid the details of origin and ownership of the funds. The U.S. authorities also said that apart from financing the Hollywood movie, the funds laundered into the U.S. were also used to buy real estate in New York and Los Angeles, a $35 million jet , and artwork by Van Gogh and Claude Monet.

How was the conviction reached?

Following months of public unrest caused by the scam, 92-year-old Mahathir Mohamad secured a historic victory in Malaysia's general elections against Najib in May 2018. He reopened the investigation into the 1MDB fund. A few days later, the Malaysian Police raided the former Prime Minister's house and recovered jewellery and luxury goods worth millions of dollars

Najib was then charged with multiple counts of criminal breach of trust and one count of using his position for gratification as part of a probe into missing money from state fund 1MDB in July 2018, and was arrested. He then went on trial in 2019 and pleaded not guilty to all charges against him.

In 2020, the former Prime Minister was found guilty of abuse of power, criminal breach of trust and money laundering, for illegally receiving $9.4 million from SRC International, a former unit of 1MDB. He was sentenced to serve up to 12 years in prison by a high court. The investigators alleged that at least $4.5 billion was stolen from the fund and laundered by Najib's associates.

Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs agreed to pay around $3 billion to end a probe of its role in the scam in October 2020. The banking company also admitted in a court in the U.S. that it had paid over a billion dollars in bribes to raise money for the 1MDB fund, the *BBC* reported.

In April 2021, Malaysia's Court of Appeal began hearing a bid by Najib to set aside his conviction on corruption charges. On December 8, 2021, the Court of Appeal upheld his conviction. The latest ruling in the case was delivered by Malaysia's Federal Court, the country's top court. Chief Justice Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat chaired a Federal Court panel of five judges that delivered the verdict.

Can he escape jail time?

Najib can still apply for a review of the decision by the top court which will be looked at by a new panel of judges. However, it is very rare for review applications of convictions and sentences to be successful, a lawyer told *Free Malaysia Today*. He can also apply for a royal pardon, which is mentioned in the country's Federal Constitution under Article 42(1). As per the Constitution, the King of Malaysia, can grant pardons for all offences committed in Kuala Lumpur and Labuan. Royal pardons are, however, only granted for criminal cases, while Najib also faces bankruptcy cases, *Reuters* said.

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'The flooding is unprecedented and I feel scared when it rains'

Downpour batters Ramanagaram district

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BENGALURU

Rain fury continued to batter Ramanagaram district on Monday, leading to unprecedented floods in low-lying areas. Heavy rains led to many tanks in the district overflowing, aggravating the floods, and causing widespread damage.

Boats were used to rescue people stranded and cranes used to pull out vehicles submerged in inundated underpasses. The flood fury was so intense that even coconut and banyan trees were uprooted.

Incessant rains followed by a breach in Bakshi Kere bund flooded several low-lying areas near Ramanagaram city areas. To avoid the flood waters, people shifted to safer locations and those in multistorey buildings were seen occupying the first or the second floors.

A flooded area at Arkeshwara Layout in Ramanagaram district on Monday. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Bhagya, a resident of Arkeshwara colony, said, "On Monday morning, flood water gushed inside the house in no time. All articles were floating away and we decided to go upstairs. Whatever ration we had floated away and we had a tough time feeding our children. Senior citizens and those who were bedridden had a tough time. The water levels rose dangerously, even up to the roof of houses. These are unprecedented rains and I feel scared the moment it rains".

Residential areas located close to Arkeshwara colony such as Mahammadia Nagar, Hunasanahalli Main Road, Ziya Ulla block, and others were flooded.

The roads were damaged to the extent that utility pipelines were visible. At Tippu Nagar, a railway underpass was inundated resulting in a KSRTC bus getting submerged.

Residents struggled as there was no power and food. Authorities were seen distributing food kits and drinking water bottles to stranded residents.

Shopkeepers on Hunasanahalli Main Road were seen using motors to drain out water.

Nawab Jan, owner of M.M Stores, said "My store is located on the ground floor and it took hours for the water to recede. All the items got spoiled and sacks of pulses were completely submerged. In two decades, I have not seen this kind of rain".

Many silk reeling units in Ramanagaram were inundated, resulting in heavy loss for the owners. Mushahid Khan, who runs a unit in Mohammadia Nagar, said, "All the materials and the machinery were submerged. Whatever we spent to run the business has gone".

Raghu, a resident of the area, said, "After the flood waters entered the area, cars and bikes started floating. Residential buildings close to the stream that joins the Arkavathi are damaged. The force was so much that doors of the houses were broken and shutters of shops were damaged."

Bommai blames incomplete works for inundation of national highway

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The unprecedented rainfall in Ramanagaram district, near here, since the early hours of Monday has claimed lives of two persons and flooded over 5,000 houses, damaging around 2,200 houses.

While the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway was flooded at various places due to overflowing lakes, the Ramanagar town, Channapatna and parts of Magadi taluk bore the brunt.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who went on an inspection of the rain-damaged areas in Ramanagaram, blamed the incomplete works that had clogged the drains for the flooding of the National Highway, homes and agriculture fields.

A sum of ₹10,000 will be given as compensation immediately to the affected families, he said, adding that food kits that would last for a month has been distributed.

Providing the initial data on the extent of damage in the district, Mr. Bommai said that 2,200 homes, including 133 in Ramanagaram town, have been either partially or fully damaged while 3,863 homes across the district were inundated.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, Anita Kumaraswamy , MLA , Minister for IT and Science &Technology Ashwath Narayan and Minister of Revenue R. Ashok visiting rain-hit areas.

"One person each in Channapatna and Ramanagaram taluks have died in the rain related incidents," he added. Among the loss of cattle, he said 16 cows and about 450 sheep/goat had died while 5,500 poultry chicken perished in the floods.

Crops damaged

Mr. Bommai said that agriculture crops on 600 acres and horticulture crops in about 500 acres have been damaged. "More data will be available after a survey. It is not only the household equipment that has been damaged in inundation, but silk reeling units that are run at homes in Ramanagara town have suffered losses. Though not covered under NDRF norms, I have directed for a detailed survey of damages in such units."

The district administration has been directed to build homes for about 50 scheduled caste families, which have lost their huts in Gandhi Grama, he added.

In cases where lakes have been breached, he said that temporary arrangements would be made to plug the breach immediately, and Minor Irrigation department will be directed to take up construction of stronger bund after the rainy season.

A meeting of senior officials from National Highway Authority of India will be convened to discuss a possible change in the design of the national highway to prevent flooding of the road in future.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told presspersons at Ramanagaram, near here on Monday that the road had been designed taking into consideration the average rainfall of the 20 to 30 years. "However, the area received huge quantum of rainfall. We will direct the highway officials to redesign the highway in some areas. Wherever needed, design changes will be made."

While former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that he would take up the issue of unscientific design of the highway with Union Minister for Surface Transport Nithi Gadkari, the Chief Minister also said that he would bring all the issues to his notice in a few days time when the Minister visits the State.

Schools, colleges closed

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Following heavy rains, the government declared holiday on Tuesday for all private, aided, and government schools, including CBSE and ICSE boards, and also for pre-university colleges in Bengaluru Urban district.

K. Sirinivasa, Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban, late on Monday, after obtaining opinion from educational institutions, ordered that all schools and PU colleges will be closed owing to the downpour.

The heavy rain continued in the city on Monday evening and India Meteorological Department has predicted that it will rain on Tuesday also.

However, on the occasion of Ganesha festival most of the schools had already declared restricted holiday on Tuesday.

Filling of tanks by lift irrigation has worsened flood situation

Project was once considered boon for farmers in the region

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BENGALURU

What was once considered a boon, filling of tanks through lift irrigation, seems to have aggravated the situation, causing floods in Channapatna taluk. This has raised questions on the lift irrigation schemes to fill tanks in the region.

Bakshikere lake breached its bund in Ramanagaram on Monday. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

Once drought-prone, the taluk's farmers have been beneficiaries of the lift irrigation projects taken up by the Kaveri Neeravari Nigam over the last 10 years. In the summer of 2022 also, most of the taluk's 112 tanks were filled.

With most of the tanks full, heavy rains that has lashed the taluk over the past few weeks has only led them to overflow. Honganuru, Banduru, B.V. Halli, Haruru, Maluru, Bramhanipura, Kodamballi, and other major lakes overflowed on Monday, causing a flood in their catchment areas.

The floods have caused large-scale crop damage too. "This is an unprecedented situation: floods in a drought-prone taluk like ours. We have benefited from filling up of tanks over the past decade. But heavy rains over the last few weeks has caused floods and for the first time caused crop damage. The government should immediately offer a helping hand to the farmers," said local farmer leader C. Puttaswamy.

The widening of the Bengaluru-Mysuru national highway has also allegedly encroached upon Ramammana Kere, a major lake on the outskirts of Channapatna city.

This has reportedly disrupted the tank bund, causing flooding of the Channapatna railway station and other parts of the city on Monday.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is building a flyover and an underpass near Tittamaranahalli village. This has reportedly encroached upon Ramammana Kere and disrupted the tank bund. Residents have protested against the design flaw and demanded that the highway design be changed to ensure lakes are preserved.

Heavy rains in Ramanagaram district for another three days, predicts IMD

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Though many parts of Ramanagaram were flooded on Monday, rains didn't seem to be the main culprit.

Ramanagaram received 32.5 mm of rainfall till 7 p.m. on Monday, relatively not very heavy rains. Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) officials blamed the flooding on overflowing lakes.

The aftermath of the rain in Ramanagaram. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

An official from the district administration said, "Breach of various lakes has led to the flood situation in the district, and this is not because of rain. The lakes which have not been full for more than a few years now, have become full and have overflowed".

The situation is likely to only be aggravated further as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy rains for Ramanagaram district for another three days.

IMD has forecast thunderstorms with lightning and light to moderate spells of rain in Ramanagaram, Mysuru, Mandya, Kolar, Tumakuru, Chamarajanagar, and Hassan regions of south Karnataka for Tuesday. The highest rainfall recorded in Karnataka in the past 24 hours was 193 mm in Gubbi of Tumakuru district in south Karnataka.

Many underpasses on Mysuru highway flooded; traffic thrown out of gear

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Motorists suffered a harrowing time after being stuck for hours on the Bengaluru-Mysuru national highway, flooded for the second time in less than three days, on Monday morning.

Many underpasses located on the Mysuru-Bengaluru highway were inundated. At Sangabasavana Doddi, an underpass, vehicles were submerged and stuck for hours.

People stranded inside a bus were rescued by the youth of nearby villages. Vehicles were pulled out using cranes.

Abhishek, a driver of a bus ferrying employees of Bosch, said: "There were around 30 employees in the bus. We were stuck for hours. At last, cranes were deployed to shift all the vehicles. Alternative arrangements were made for the employees to reach their destinations in Ramanagaram".

Railway tracks were under water at Channapatna railway station. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

One car owner said: "In the early morning hours, we did not realise that the vehicle could be stuck. The vehicle broke down and we had to move out. With the help of the crane, the vehicle was shifted to the other end of the road".

Superintendent of Police K. Santhosh Babu said: "Underpasses at several locations such as Kaniminike, Basavanapura, Byrapatna, and others were flooded. We had instructed motorists to use alternative roads to reach Bengaluru or Mysuru. Those who had ventured out using the bypass road got stuck because of the inundation of the underpass".

Flooding at the Channapatna railway station resulted in a delay for two trains.

Officials of the South Western Railway said that the trains were delayed for 20 minutes.

Bengaluru residents also face traffic snarls due to rain

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Residents of the city woke up to heavy rains on Monday morning and after some respite during the day, showers lashed the city in the evening too. Residents faced heavy traffic snarls in various parts of the city during peak hours. Meanwhile, office goers had to face inundated and damaged roads leading to massive traffic jams in several parts.

Prathap Krishna, a motorist who took the Outer Ring Road (ORR) near J.P. Nagar to reach his office on Monday morning, said, "Roads have been flooded near Vega City mall and J.P. Nagar ORR. Travelling on roads is going to be a nightmare".

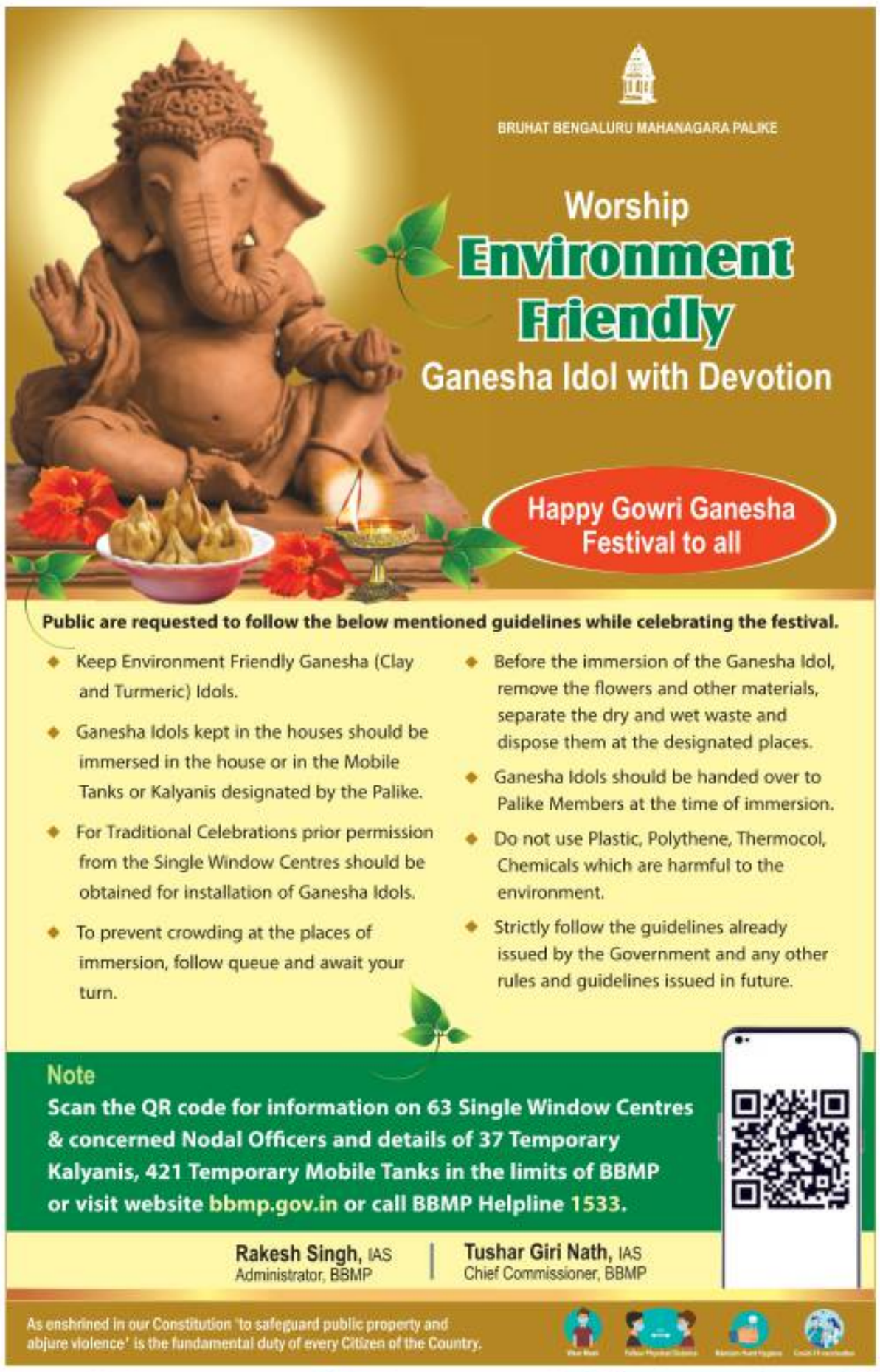
According to the traffic police, traffic snarls have been reported in Central Business District (CBD) area, Mysuru Road, Bannerghatta Road, Tumakuru Road, Hebbal, K.R. Puram, Bellandur, J.P. Nagara, Silk Board Junction, BTM Layout, Rajajinagar, and Koramangala.

Waterlogging was reported on the Electronics City flyover and a video of the same, uploaded on social media blaming authorities, went viral.

Meanwhile, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) control room did not receive any complaints related to rain damage on Monday, according to the control room officials.

The forecast for Bengaluru till September 1 is generally cloudy skies with light to moderate rainfall.

"Widespread moderate to heavy rains with isolated very heavy rains likely over BBMP area. Maximum & minimum temperatures likely to be around 28 and 19 degrees Celsius respectively," IMD said in a statement.



Lives submerged: Families sit near their belongings surrounded by floodwaters, in Sohbat Pur city of Jaffarabad, a district of Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province on August 28. • AP

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Explaining Pakistan's flip-flop on trade with India

The shadow of politics still looms over trade, which runs contrary to Islamabad's statements on the need for better ties

THE GIST

- On March 31, 2021 Pakistan's new Finance Minister Hammad Azhar, announced Pakistan's Economic Coordination Committee (ECC)'s decision to import cotton, yarn, and 5,00,000 metric tons of sugar from India.
- For the textile and sugar industries in Pakistan, importing from India is imperative, practical and is the most economic. According to the latest Pakistan Economic Survey, 2019-20, cotton and sugarcane production declined by 6.9% and 0.4%, respectively.
- However, Pakistan keeps emphasising on the Jammu and Kashmir issue to make any meaningful start in bilateral relations. This shows the supremacy of politics over trade and economy, even if the latter is beneficial to the importing country. For the Pakistan cabinet, the interests of its own business community and its export potential have become secondary.

D. SUBA CHANDRAN

Pakistan's Finance Minister Miftah Ismail stated that the government may consider importing vegetables and other edible items from India following the destruction of standing crops due to the massive floods in the region. This comes after three years when Islamabad downgraded trade ties with New Delhi over the Kashmir issue. In this article published on April 9, 2021, D. Suba Chandran explains how Pakistan always keeps politics above trade even when they are facing an industry shortage.

Pakistan's double U-turn on resuming trade with India highlights the internal differences within Ministries, between business and political communities, and the emphasis on politics over economy and trade. It also signifies Pakistan cabinet's grandstanding, linking normalisation of ties with India to Jammu and Kashmir.

On March 31, Pakistan's new Finance Minister Hammad Azhar, announced Pakistan's Economic Coordination Committee (ECC)'s decision to import cotton, yarn, and 5,00,000 metric tons of sugar from India. The media dubbed it as a political breakthrough but the ECC's decision was not on bilateral trade; it was about importing only three items – cotton, yarn and sugar.

Mr. Hammad Azhar, whose Ministry proposed the idea, accepted the cabinet's decision as the working of "economic and political interface in a democracy", and it was left with the Prime Minister and the cabinet to "endorse, reject or modify" the ECC's proposals. However, Pakistan's textile industry has not taken the cabinet's decision kindly; for them, importing cotton yarn from India is an immediate need; else, it would impact their export potential.

Three takeaways can be identified from the above. The first relates to the ECC's decision to import only three items from India, namely cotton, yarn and sugar. It was based on Pakistan's immediate economic needs and not designed as a political confidence-building measure to normalise relations with India.

Practical and economic

For the textile and sugar industries in Pakistan, importing from India is imperative, practical and is the most economic. According to the latest Pakistan Economic Survey, 2019-20 , though the agriculture sector witnessed a growth of 2.67% (with an increase in rice and maize production), cotton and sugarcane production declined by 6.9% and 0.4%, respectively. Sugar exports came down substantially last year, by over 50% in 2019-20, when compared to 2018-19. Yarn, cotton cloth, knitwear, bedwear and readymade garments form the core of Pakistan's textile basket in the export sector. By February 2020, there was a steep decline in the textile sector due to disruptions in supply and domestic production. When compared to the last fiscal year (2019-20), there has been a 30% decline (2020-21) in cotton production.

According to State Bank of Pakistan's latest quarterly report , the decline in cotton production is also due to fewer areas (the lowest since 1982) of cotton cultivation. By the end of 2020, there was a sharp decline (around 40%) in cotton production. Besides the decline in the area of cotton cultivation, there was also a decline in yield per acre. The ginning industry estimates that in 2021, it would receive less than half of what was projected. In 2019-20, Pakistan produced around nine billion bales; this year, the ginning industry estimates only around seven million bales. This would mean, Pakistan's cotton export would reduce, creating a domino effect on what goes into Pakistan's garment industry. Pakistan is the fifth-largest exporter of cotton globally, and the cotton-related products (raw and value-added) earn close to half of the country's foreign exchange.

Another industry in crisis

The sugar industry in Pakistan is also in crisis. When compared to cotton, the sugar industry's problem stem from different issues – the availability for local consumption and the steep price increase. The sugar industry has prioritised exports over local distribution. Increased government subsidy and a few related administrative decisions resulted in the sugar industry attempting to make a considerable profit by exporting it. By early 2019, the sugar prices started increasing, and in 2020, there was a crisis due to shortage and cost.

As a result, importing sugar from India would be cheaper for the consumer market in Pakistan. Clearly, the crises in cotton and sugar industries played a role in the ECC's decision to import cotton, yarn and sugar from India. It would not only be cheaper but also help Pakistan's exports. This is also imperative for Pakistan to earn foreign exchange.

Politics first

The second takeaway from the two U-turns – is the supremacy of politics over trade and economy, even if the latter is beneficial to the importing country. For the cabinet, the interests of its own business community and its export potential have become secondary. However, Pakistan need not be singled out; this is a curse in South Asia, where politics play supreme over trade and economy. The meagre percentage of intra-South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) trade and the success (or the failure) of SAARC engaging in bilateral or regional trade would underline the above. Trade is unlikely to triumph over politics in South Asia; especially in India-Pakistan relations.

The Kashmir link

The third takeaway is the emphasis on Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan to make any meaningful start in bilateral relations. This goes against what it has been telling the rest of the world that India should begin dialogue with Pakistan. Recently, both Pakistan's Prime Minister and the Chief of Army Staff, Qamar Javed Bajwa, were on record stating the need to build peace in the region. Gen. Bajwa even talked about "burying the past" and moving forward. There were also reports that Pakistan agreeing to re-establish the ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) was a part of this new strategy. The latest statement by Pakistan's cabinet that unless India rescinds the decision of August 5, 2019 in Jammu and Kashmir , there would be no forward movement, goes against what Mr. Imran Khan and Gen. Bajwa have been stating in public. This position also hints at Pakistan's precondition (revoking the August 2019 decision on Jammu and Kashmir) to engage with India. Pakistan has been saying that the onus is on India to normalise the process. Perhaps, it is New Delhi's turn to tell Islamabad that it is willing, but without any preconditions, and start with trade. It may even allow New Delhi to inform Pakistan's stakeholders about who is willing to trade and who is reluctant.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

The Congress party has announced elections for the post of party president. Here is a quiz on previous presidents of the 137 year old political party.

1 A most sought after lawyer in the Calcutta High Court, he went on to become the first president of the Indian National Congress by presiding over the first session of the organisation which was attended by 72 delegates from all over the country. Name him.

2 A freedom fighter, this person went on to become the president of the INC during India's independence, and also held the distinction of moving the first ever No-Confidence Motion in the Lok Sabha following the India-China war in 1963. Name him.

3 A Bharat Ratna awardee (posthumously), he is credited with introducing the free Midday Meal Scheme for school children as Chief Minister of his State. His suggestion that senior Congress leaders should give up ministerial posts and take up organisational duties led to his becoming the President of the party. Name him.

4 Born an Englishwoman, she became a freedom activist and the third woman and second European-born woman to be elected as Congress President in the 1933 Calcutta session of the party. Name her.

5 This person holds the record of serving for the longest time – 29 years, 4 months and 25 days, as a member of the Union Council of Ministers in India. He was also the Defence Minister of India when Bangladesh was liberated in 1971. He served as the Congress President in 1970-71. Name this Dalit icon of the Congress party.

Compiled by: Srinivasan Ramani

This road in Kolkata is named after this Congress president who served two terms in that post (1907-08). Name him. • WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The group founded in 1964 by Joe Jackson. **Ans: Jackson 5**
2. The earlier name of the Sycamore Valley Ranch in Santa Barbara County, California. **Ans: Neverland Ranch**
3. The song which shot Yamuna Sangarasivam to fame in 1991. **Ans: 'Black or White'**
4. On March 25, 1983, Michael Jackson debuted this iconic entity in front of a live audience. **Ans: The moonwalk**
5. In March 2019, a 1991 episode of The Simpsons guest-starring Jackson was pulled from circulation because of this reason. **Ans: The episode was taken down in the backdrop of claims that Jackson had molested children**
6. The 1983 music video of Michael Jackson inspired by an *American Werewolf*. **Ans: Thriller**
7. The song that earned Michael Jackson his first Grammy Award. **Ans: Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough**
Visual: This style is depicted in Jackson's 1988 music video 'Smooth Criminal'. **Ans: The robot**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, which is correct – 'He is forty years old' or 'He is forty years'?"

"'He is forty years old' is correct. You can also say 'He is forty'.

My little brother is ten years old.

The actress was twenty in 1970 and has been twenty since.

When he wrote his first book, he was thirty years old."

"Sir, I must leave a little early today. I have to meet someone at 9.30 o'clock."

"If you have an appointment at 9.30, you may leave at 9. Don't say 9.30 o'clock. When minutes are mentioned, you just say 9.30, 9.45, etc. You don't use o'clock after minutes.

I will meet him at 10.40 tomorrow morning.

He plans to go by the 10 o'clock train.

She plans to go by the 10.30 train.

Meet me tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Meet me tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

So no 'o' clock' after minutes."

"What's the meaning of 'from time immemorial', sir?"

"It means 'going to ancient times', 'extending beyond the reach of memory, record or tradition'.

This custom has come down to us from time immemorial.

It is not *times* immemorial but time immemorial."

"Sir, what's the meaning of 'She is dying for a hot cup of coffee?'"

"It means that she is badly in need of a hot cup of coffee. When the desire is intense, you use 'dying for'.

I am dying for a cigarette.

She is dying for a break from the routine.

She is dying for some company.

Only the -ing form is used and not the other forms. I hope you know the difference between 'dying' and 'dyeing'. 'Dyeing' means 'colouring'.

He is dyeing his hair now.

They are dyeing the cloth you gave them last week.

When you dye, you add colour. When you die, you lose colour"

"How do you pronounce 'debut' sir?"

"The final 't' in the word is not pronounced. De is pronounced like 'day', 'but' is pronounced 'boo' by some and 'beau' as in 'beautiful' by others. Both pronunciations are correct. The stress is on the first syllable."

"What is the difference between 'efficacy' and 'efficiency', sir?"

" 'Efficacy' refers to the power to produce the desired effect.

I don't believe in the efficacy of allopathic medicine.

He has immense faith in the efficacy of prayer.

The word is used only of things and not persons. You can't say 'His efficacy as an administrator is yet to be seen'. 'Efficiency' has to do with acting effectively.

He is an efficient administrator.

That's enough for today. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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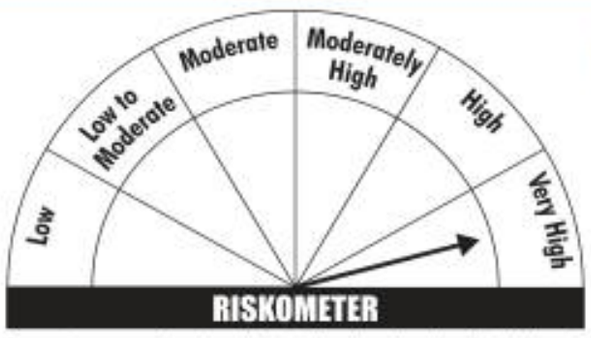

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SC to hear plea of waqf board tomorrow

It had approached apex court against HC decision allowing Ganesh Chaturthi rituals at Idgah maidan

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday listed for August 30 a plea filed by the Karnataka State Waqf Board against a State High Court decision allowing Ganesh Chaturthi rituals to be held in the Idgah Maidan at Bengaluru.

Making an oral mentioning before a Bench led by Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for the Board, urged for an early hearing as "unnecessary tension will be created".

"The Single Judge of the High Court had granted status quo, but the Division Bench next day said anybody can perform anything. There may be cause for unnecessary tension, we do not want that," Mr. Sibal submitted.

He said a 1964 decision of the Supreme Court had stated that there was no right to conduct the celebrations.

The court said the petition may be listed on August 30 subject to the removal of any defects in it.

The Division Bench of the High Court had permitted the State government to consider and pass appropriate orders on the applications received by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban, seeking the use of the Idgah maidan, Chamarajpet, for holding various religious and cultural activities for a limited period from August 31, 2022.

The interim order was passed on an appeal filed by the State government questioning the August 25 interim order passed by a Single Judge Bench, which had restricted the State government and the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to using Idgah maidan land only for certain purposes.

Hubballi maidan

Meanwhile, in Hubballi, after much deliberation and despite opposition by Congress members of the House panel of the municipal council, the Hubballi Dharwad Municipal Corporation has decided to allow installation of Ganesh idol at the Idgah Maidan (also referred to as Rani Chennamma Maidan) this year for three days.

A file photo of the Idgah maidan in Chamarajpet.

Bescom issues guidelines for public festivities

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Organisers of public Ganesh Chaturthi pandals should pay the required fees and seek approval from Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) prior to taking temporary electricity connections for the celebrations, according to guidelines issued by the company on Monday.

The guidelines were discussed by senior Bescom officials at a peace meeting organised by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bengaluru City Police last week to ensure safety. The organisers should first obtain a no-objection certificate from the BBMP and submit it to the concerned Bescom sub-division. The Bescom officials will then conduct a spot visit and examine the place where the idol will be installed. After this, the organisers should pay their fees and get approval.

"Organisers can take the electricity connections by drawing it from overhead line. However, organisers should ensure that there should be no joint or loose connections while drawing the power," the Bescom guidelines said.

It is mandatory for the organisers to take assistance from electricity contractors authorised by Bescom to procure wiring and LCB and ELCB (Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker) equipment.

They should also ensure that high-tension electricity lines do not pass above the pandals. The guidelines further said that if more than a hundred people are expected to gather for the celebrations at the pandal, then the organisers must get permission from electrical inspector while also installing fire extinguishing equipment in the pandal. However, if the crowd is expected to be less than a hundred, then an undertaking must be issued to Bescom that more than hundred people will not be allowed at the pandal.

"If any electrical accident occurs, concerned organisers or association will be held responsible."

The organisers should also provide dates and details about the procession march and immersion of the idols beforehand to Bescom. They will then be allowed to draw only sanctioned electricity load, for their celebrations.

To ensure safety measures at Ganesh idol worship places, Bescom has instructed that the public and children should stay away from electrical items and wires. If any electrical wire is broken or damaged, BESCOM has requested organisers and the public to call 1912 helpline immediately. Bescom has requested the public and children not to touch electrical wires with wet hands and ensure safety measures at Ganesh idol puja places.

Prices soar at city markets, but festive spirit is higher

SHUVAM ROY
LEESHA K. NAIR
BENGALURU

The city markets on Monday were bustling with people shopping for the Swarna Gowri and Ganesh Chaturthi festivals, which fall on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

With an increased demand and the monsoon woes, the prices of flowers, vegetables, and fruits had skyrocketed on the eve of the festivals.

A steady price rise has been observed for the last one week. For the celebrators of festivities, the higher prices did not seem to matter much, as hardly a few complained.

At K.R. market, the price of jasmine had catapulted from ₹400 per kg to ₹1,800 per kg. This was followed by crossandra (kanakambara) which rose to ₹2,200 per kg from ₹1,500 per kg. Oleander or kanagile, which is in high demand during the Ganesh festival, also jumped from ₹100 per kg last week to ₹400 on Monday.

"I want to celebrate the festival with grandeur. Last year due to COVID-19 I couldn't celebrate it the way I wanted, with my relatives and friends. But this year I want to celebrate it well. I know that the prices are high, but it doesn't affect me much because the festival comes only once a year. So even if I have to pay a little more during the festive season, I do not mind," said Vimala Gowda, a homemaker who was purchasing flowers at K.R. Market.

Vegetable prices have also seen a steep rise over the week. Beans have shot up to ₹60 per kg from ₹40 per kg, while the price of vegetables such as carrots, capsicum, and cabbage have seen an increase of ₹10 per kg at K.R. Market.

"The prices are high because of the rain. The business has not been very good, so we had to increase the prices to sustain it," says Hamza Ali, a vegetable vendor at K.R. Market.

The prices of certain fruits also went up for the festival with pomegranates reaching ₹150 per kg and apples ₹120 per kg, and bananas ₹110 per kg.

FLOWERS	Price this week (in ₹ per kg)	Price last week (in ₹ per kg)
Jasmine	1,800	400
Crossandra	2,200	1,500
Rose	200	160
Chrysanthemum	200	120
Oleander (Kanagile)	400	100

FRUITS	Price this week (in ₹ per kg)	Price last week (in ₹ per kg)
Apples	120	110
Pomegranate	150	130
Oranges	200	150
Bananas	110	100

VEGETABLES	Price this week (in ₹ per kg)	Price last week (in ₹ per kg)
Beans	60	35
Carrot	60	50
Cabbage	40	30
Capsicum	60	50

Meat ban imposed for Ganesh Chaturthi

Abattoirs and slaughterhouses in city also to be closed

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Monday issued a circular banning the sale of meat and the killing of animals on Ganesh Chaturthi on Wednesday. The BBMP has also ordered the closure of abattoirs and slaughterhouses in the city on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.

This year, the civic body has withdrawn all restrictions on the installation of Ganesh idols in public places, which for the last two years was restricted to one idol per ward due to COVID-19.

Timings
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TUESDAY, AUG. 30	
RISE 06:08	SET 18:32
RISE 08:26	SET 20:42
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31	
RISE 06:08	SET 18:31
RISE 09:16	SET 21:22
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RISE 06:09	SET 18:30
RISE 10:08	SET 22:04

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Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	29	19
Bengaluru	28	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable and humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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Gowri-Ganesha idols made from jaggery

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

How about celebrating Gowri-Ganesha festival with idols made from jaggery? Such an initiative was launched in Mandya on Monday where idols made from jaggery were sold.

Assistant Commissioner H.L. Nagaraj inaugurated the campaign of popularizing the eco-friendly idols for celebrating the festival this year, at the deputy commissioner's office on Monday.

"Such a celebration will help farmers produce more jaggery. If idols made from jaggery are used in the celebrations, it will be an eco-friendly celebration," he felt.

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H.L. NAGARAJ,
Assistant Commissioner

A pair of small idol of Gowri-Ganesha has been priced at ₹300 and a bigger pair costs ₹400.

This is a joint initiative of KAPPEC Bengaluru, Department of Agriculture, Vikasana Grameena and Nagarabhiruddi Samsthe and Siddaiayanakoppalu Farmers Producers' Company.

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Interested applicants are requested to submit their complete proposals (technical and financial) comprising the documents and forms as specified in the RFP. The proposal needs to be submitted in a sealed envelope through registered post/speed post/courier service or by hand superscribing RFP No: 01/2022, **"Selection of Agency for Third Party Evaluation of works done under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in Jharkhand"** on top of the envelope at the submission address outlined below on or before **22nd September, 2022, 13:00 hrs.**
The sealed envelope of RFP superscribed **"Proposal for Selection of Agency for Third Party Monitoring and Evaluation of works undertaken under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in Jharkhand for the year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22"** shall contain two separate sealed envelopes: (a) the sealed envelope containing Technical Proposal along with all supporting documents, and (b) the second sealed envelope containing only the Financial Bid in the prescribed format.
Critical Datasheet

Date and time for pre-bid conference	8th September, 2022, 11:00 hrs
Last date and time for submission of complete proposal	22nd September, 2022, 13:00 hrs
Date and time for opening of opening of Technical Proposal	22nd September, 2022, 15:00 hrs
Date for presentation by the Team Leader	23rd September, 2022
Date for opening of Financial Proposal	23rd September, 2022

The proposal must be addressed to: **Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMPA, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Jharkhand**
Additional PCCF, CAMPA,
Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi
PR 276639 (Forest, Environment and Climate Changes)22-23*D

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 05-XEN-WS-UBLS/2022-23 Dated: 24-08-2022.
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Cleaning of Under Ground Drainage line in Toilets at Hubballi Workshop.	Rs. 35,14,368/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 16-09-2022**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Executive Engineer,
Carriage Repair Workshop, Hubballi
PUB/321/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017
(Phone: 080 25084162, 4318, 4156) (Fax: 080 25084155)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited for the following work:

Sl.No.	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Electrical work of Supply and laying of UPS Input and Output cables from Ground floor to 5th Floor INSAT building at URSC Campus, Bengaluru.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	ETN No. URSC/C&MG/E/TN-11/2023-23 Dtd: 25.08.2022
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 21.69 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	E-Tender
5	Period of completion	Four (04) Months
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 43,380.00/-
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10.30 hrs. on 30.08.2022 to 16.30 hrs. on 13.09.2022
8	Bid clarification	From 11.00 hrs. on 30.08.2022 to 16.30 hrs. on 14.09.2022
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 15.09.2022
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 16.09.2022
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.30 hrs. on 16.09.2022

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO
Sd/- Group Director (C&MG)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice Bid Number: GEM/2022/B/2451052 Dated: 23-08-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru Division: Retro Fitment of Twin Pipe Air Brake System of Wagon at SGT Wagon Dep.	Rs. 2,72,63,321/-

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06. BCN Variant BCN, BCNHS, BCNA, BCNAHS Etc.
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08. BOST Variant BOST, BOSTHS Etc.
09. BRN Variant BRN, BRNA Etc.
10. BOMN Variant
11. BOBYN Variant BOBYN, BOBYNHS Etc.

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 13:30 Hrs. on 13-09-2022**
For details log on: www.gem.gov.in
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer
PUB/325/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Bengaluru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Mrs.VEENA A.AMIN**, D/o Mr.Satish A. Anchan bring to the notice of the general public that the original Sale Deed bearing doc No.6323/2003-04, dated 05.06.2003, Book I, CD No.128, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Kengeri, Bangalore is lost.
If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **07 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.
Schedule : All the piece and parcel of **Site No.46,** formed in Sy No.55/3, Khata No.696, Situated at **Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** measuring East to West 40 ft & North to South 60 ft & bounded on:
East by : Site No.47,
West by : Site No.45,
North by : 30 Ft Road,
South by : Private Property.
Rashmi.R, Advocate,
No.07, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, Kalyananagar, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bangalore-72.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners **(1) Mr.K.R.Sridhar,** son of late Dr.K.S.Ramanna, aged about 71 years, he having acquired title to the same under a Partition Deed dated 01.04.2011 registered as Document SHV-1-00003/2011-12 of Book I, stored in CD No.SHVD124 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru **(2) Mrs.Geeta Sridhar,** wife of Mr. K R Sridhar, aged about 69 years, she having acquired 50% undivided share, right, title and interest, through a Gift Deed dated 30.08.2021 executed by Mr. K R Sridhar which was registered as Document SHV-1-02108/2021-22 of Book I, stored in CD No.SHVD932 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, both residing at 116, Langford Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560025.
All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned, at the below given address, along with all the documents relating to such claim within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the **Unit No. FF-02** on the southern portion of the First Floor, bearing Municipal **No.15/1-3** having PID No.70-2-15/1-3, measuring **2050 sq.ft** of plinth area together with **1208.08 sq.ft** undivided share in the land and three covered car parking spaces in the basement of the **Commercial** complex known as **"SHANTHARAM CENTRE"** constructed on Municipal Corporation Nos. 15 and 15/1 Langford Road, Langford Town, in the Corporation New Ward No.117 old No. 70, Bengaluru, measuring 7,248.50 sq.ft and the building is bounded as follows:
East : Property Old No.14 Langford Road
West : Berlie Street
North : Langford Road
South : Property No.27 Berlie Street
Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 29.08.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule below from its lawful owner **Sri. Ramaiah S/o late Ramaiah** and his family members Plot No. 42, Near Anjineya Temple, Battarahalli Post, Virgonagar Post, Bengaluru–560049.
I hereby call upon the general public that, if any person has any manner of legal right, title, interest or claim over schedule property, shall submit their objections and claims, if any with complete records in support of their claim within **seven day** from today to the address mentioned below. Thereafter no claims of whatsoever nature shall be entertained by my client and my client would proceed to purchase the schedule property presuming that the present owner of the schedule property is absolute owner of the same.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of Agricultural Land bearing **Sy No. 11/4,** situated at **Battarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** Bangaluru Urban District, measuring **15 Guntas** & bounded on:
East by : Land in Sy no. 11/2,
West by : Remaining Land in Sy no. 11/4,
North by : Remaining Land in Sy no. 11/4,
South by : Land in Sy no. 31.
YASHVANTH. K.V. Advocate
13/1, G Block, Sahakarangara, Bengaluru–560092.
Ph: 9980668759

Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
Khanij Nigam Bhawan, Doranda Ranchi – 834002.
CIN- U14290JH2002SGC012170
E-mail- contact@jsmdc.in Phone No. 0651-2491841/2491842
Website : www.jsmdc.in Fax No. – 0651/2491916
Corrigendum Notice dated : 24.08.2022
Subject: Corrigendum with respect to Notice no. 03/2022-23 Inviting Tender for Selection of Management Consultant cum Transaction Advisory (MCTA) vide PR No. 276339 for Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (JSMDC)
With reference to the last Notice No. 03/2022-23 dated 24.08.2022 we would like to inform all the prospective bidders that the tender document for Inviting Tender for Selection of Management Consultant cum Transaction Advisory (MCTA) can be viewed and downloaded from e-procurement portal of government of Jharkhand (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) instead of JSMDC website as communicated in the last published notice.
Further it is to be informed that the bids have to be submitted in online mode on the same portal, instead of physical submission as communicated in the last published notice. **Sd/-**
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I, **PREMLATA** Khokhar spouse of Raj Kumar Khokhar Resident of Smq no. 388/6, 6th camp, Airforce Station Jalahalli, Jalahalli East, Bengaluru-560013, have changed my name from Premlata Khokhar to Premlata Bapadia vide affidavit Dtd 24 Aug 2022 before Government of Karnataka for all purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE
BEFORE THE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU (SCCH 04)
M.V.C.NO.6974/2018
BETWEEN: Smt. K. Radhika ...PETITIONER
AND: The TATA AIG General Insurance Co Ltd and Others. ...RESPONDENT
NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT NO.3
To, Smt. Venkatalakshmi G K, W/o. Subbanna Aged about 58 years, R/ at No. 736, 45th Cross Road, Near sangam circle, Jayanagar 9th block, Bengaluru- 560070.
Whereas the above named Petitioner had instituted the above petition against you, claiming compensation of Rs.50,00,000/- for the grievous injury caused to Smt. K Radhika W/o T.S.Vasu, in a road traffic accident occurred on 26.07.2017, at about 5.30 PM, near Shalini ground Bengaluru - 1 office, 10th main road 5th block, jayanagar Bengaluru -70, with your Honda Activa Scooter bearing Registration No. KA-01-HV-2044. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on 03/10/22 at 11.00 am in person or through advocate / pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing the suit will heard and determined ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 16th day of August 2022.
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Assistant Registrar
Court of Small Causes, Bengalore.
Advocate for Petitioner
M. Devaraja Associates, Advocates
No.78/2, 2nd floor, "GARUDA", New K.R Road Basaveshwara, Bengaluru - 560 004.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 25753/2022
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 067 ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. M N Nagesh & Another
...Defendants
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 & 2
To,
D1. Sri. M N Nagesh,
S/o Sri. Melya Reddappa Narayanappa, 2nd Block, Melya Village & Post, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura - 561 208
D2. Smt. Sharadamma,
W/o Sri. M N Nagesh, 2nd Block, Melya Village & Post, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura - 561 208
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.15,82,312/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who is able to answer the claim made against you on 22.09.2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 11.08.2022
By order of the Hon'ble Court
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ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
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Ref.No.NH.LAQ.CR. 508/2022-23 **Date: 29.08.2022**

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of the powers vested under section 3D (1) and (2) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act) with amendment from time to time, the Central Government vide their Gazette Notification S.O.No.3938(E) dated 22th August 2022 have acquired the lands indicated in the schedule of each for widening of National Highway No.169 (Old NH – 13) from Km 691+350 to 736+362 (Sanoor - Bikarnakatte Section) in District Dakshina Kannada in the State of Karnataka.under the provisions of sub section (1) (2) (3) and (4) of section 3(G) of the above said Act, the public is hereby issued to the land owners and interested persons in such land, to appear in person or by an agent or by a legal practitioner on the following date and time before the Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority, Behind Mini Vidhana Soudha, K.S.G.E.A Building, Mangalore and to state the nature of their respective interest in such land along with the copies of the documents such as 1) Original records 2) Sale/ Partition/ Other deeds of title 3) R.T.C's 4) Copy of Mutations Register and Tax paid receipts and any other relevant documents.

Sl.No.	Name of the Taluk	Name of the Village	Date & Time
1.	Mudabidri	1) Marpadi 2) Putthige	12.09.2022
2.	Mangalore	1) Tenka Yedapadavu	

Place: Mangalore

(P K Binoy)
Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority, Mangalore.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 22th August, 2022

S.O.3938(E) Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, number S.O.2532(E) dated 31.05.2022, published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub – section (ii) issued under sub – section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening / four – laning, etc), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No.169 (Old NH-13) on the stretch of land from Km. 698.850 to 744.190 (Sanoor - Bikarnakatte Section) in Dakshina Kannada District in the State of Karnataka;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Hindu" and "Prajavani" both dated the 8th June 2022, under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub- section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of Sanoor to Bikarnakatte Section from Km.691+350 to Km.736+362 of NH-169 (Old NH13) Under Bharathmala Pariyojana on Hybrid Annuity Mode in the District of Dakshina Kannada in the Stat of Karnataka (Package-III)

STATE : KARNATAKA **DISTRICT : DAKSHINA KANNADA**

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Sq. Mtrs	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk : Mangaluru			**Village : Tenka Yedapadavu**		
1	10/2A3	Private	Garden	6	Lingappa Sapaliga S/o. Gangayya
2	10/2B	Private	Non-Agriculture	466	Bhavani , Prabhakar, Saraswathi, Sadashiva, Gangadhar, Sunil Kumar
3	10/4A3	Private	Non-Agriculture	40.47	Sadashiva
4	10/6A1	Common	Dry / Non-Agriculture	88.74	Janardhana Poojary S/o. Jarappa Poojary (88.74 Sq.mtr House site),10/6A
5	10/6A1	Common	Dry / Non-Agriculture	88.74	Seethamma W/o. Poovappa Devadiga (88.74 Sq.mtr House site), 10/6A
6	10/6A	Common	Dry / Non-Agriculture	5.52	Government, 10/6A
7	10/6A2	Private/ Govt	Dry / Non-Agriculture	88.74	Vedashree W/o. Lokesh Devadiga (88.74 Sq.mtr House site), 10/6A
8	10/6A2	Common	Dry / Non-Agriculture	114.26	Government, 10/6A
9	10/6B	Private	Dry	142	Jeethendra, Shailendra, Padmaraja, Vanamala, Manikya, Shanthaprasad
10	10/7A	Government	Dry	12	Government Sundara Gowda S/o. Venkappa Gowda (Interested Person)
11	11/1	Private	Wet	405	Dharmaraja Padival, Chandrayya Achar, Durgamma, Ramesh Acharya, Sharada, Rukmayya Sapalya others
12	11/1	Private	Wet	1700	Dharmaraja Padival, Chandrayya Achar, Durgamma, Ramesh Acharya, Sharada, Rukmayya Sapalya others, Varija,Susheela, Angeline Pinto (Interested Person)
13	12/1A	Private	Wet	971	Jeethendra S/o. Venugopal Shailendra S/o. Venugopal and others
14	12/5	Government	Poramboku	25	Government
15	213/1B1	Private	Non-Agriculture	61	Swami Vivekananda Vidyavardaka, Society Mijar, Sushma B Jain W/o. V K Kiran Sneha Prabha Beelagi, Hema Rajendra Padival Harish Sapalya, Mahammad Sabeel
16	213/1C	Government	Dry	45	Government
17	219/1A	Government	Dry	101	Government
18	219/1B	Private	Dry	607	Kusuma Moorthi
19	219/1C	Government	Dry	50	Government
20	236/4B	Private	Dry	283	Pouline Misquith & Six others
21	237/2	Private	Dry	263	Devaki Rama Gowda & 11others Intrested person Kamala Devadige
22	26/2A1	Private	Wet	253	Mijar Weavers Co.Operative Society Ltd Mijar
23	26/2A2	Private	Wet	16	Mijar Weavers Co.Operative Society Ltd Mijar
24	33/6	Private	Wet	202	Kusuma W/o. Babu Saphalya & Others Kamala W/o. Venkappa & others Krishnappa & Others, Chidananda & Others Vasantha & others Girija & Others
25	41/15	Private	Wet	405	Pushpa W/o. B Venkataramana Achar
26	41/16A	Private	Wet	356	Pushpa W/o. B V Achar, M Harish
27	41/16B	Private	Non-Agriculture	101	Pushpa W/o. B V Achar, M Harish
28	41/17	Private	Wet	354	Prema And others
29	41/19	Private	Garden	405	John Davis D' Souza S/o. Ambrose D' Souza
30	41/6	Private	Wet	213	Sulaiman Saheb S/o. Abdul Rahiman
31	41/7	Private	Non-Agriculture	101	Sulaiman Saheb S/o. Abdul Rahiman
32	46/2	Private	Non-Agriculture / Garden	364	R 3 S Buissiness Private Ltd., Hosanna D' Silva
33	46/3B	Private	Non-Agriculture / Garden	31	Hosanna D' Silva
34	46/3B	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Garden	364	R 3 S Buissiness Private Ltd
35	47/6	Private	Dry	21	Kuresha Bhanu, Jameer Ahmed, Sumayya Khurailthul Ain, Thanhara ara
36	48/1	Government	Dry	50	Government
37	48/2A	Government	Poramboku	50	Government
38	48/2B	Private	Garden	486	Shabha @ Adam Saheb Hosanna D'Silva (Interested Person)
39	48/8	Private	Dry	283	Naveen Vijay Luis (Interested Person) Joseph Marcel Fernandis, Jhon Gilbert Fernandis, Jerald petric Fernandis, Pius Bonavenchar,
40	6/10A	Government	Poramboku	125	Government
41	6/18	Private	Wet	51	Mohini Shetty
42	6/8C1	Private	Non-Agriculture	769	Lakshman Devadiga & others Anand Devadiga, Suresh Devadiga, Muralidhara, Devadiga, Madhava Devadiga, Mahabala Bhat
43	6/9D	Private	Wet	51	Naveen Kumar, Jayaraj Kulal, N.Prakash Kumar, Sumana Bhandary, Sumathi Ballal, Dombayya, Savithri, Shambhavi, Rajeevi, Vanitha , Nagesh And others
44	95/2A1	Private	Dry	1093	Pouline Misquith, Michel Pinto, Lilly J. Pinto, Vollet Pinto, Vinod Lavina
45	95/2A3	Private	Dry	850	Henry Pinto
46	95/2C	Private	Non-Agriculture	1416	Sulaiman Saheb S/o. Abdul Rahiman
Taluk : Mudabidri			**Village : Marpadi**		
1	156/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	1416	Industrial and Commercial Department
2	178/16	Private	Wet	137	P . K Thomas S/o. Dr. P.V. Kurian
3	178/1A4	Private	Dry	806	Saajida Bhanu D/o. Chand Saheb
4	178/1A6	Private	Non-Agriculture	51	Abdul Gafoor S/o. Samshuddin
5	178/1B	Private	Wet	842	Girija Moily W/o. Late.Mudara Moily
6	178/2	Private	Wet	799	P K Francis S/o. Late.P.V. Kuriyan
7	183/1	Private	Dry	790	Sister Precilla D/o. Mary D'mello
8	210/1	Government	Poramboku	101	Government
9	210/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	201	K.Hemaraj & others
10	213/1A	Government	Poramboku	110	Government
11	213/1B	Government	Poramboku	145	Government
12	213/2A	Private	Non-Agriculture	343	Saphiya banu Smt.Grecy Tereza Pinto D/o. Walter Sanctis Vahida Nasir Khan W/o. Nasir Ahmed Khan, Vani Pinto
13	213/2B	Private	Non-Agriculture	728	Sadashiva Acharya S/o. Gangayya Acharya
14	213/2C	Private	Dry	162	Smt Rajeevi W/o. Koggu Achari
15	216/1C	Private	Non-Agriculture	40	Melwin Cardoza
16	225/3A	Government	Poramboku	30	Government
17	225/5	Private	Non-Agriculture	126	P K Francis S/o. Dr. P.V. Kuriyan
18	240/1A2	Private	Non-Agriculture	749	Abdul Gafoor S/o. Samshuddin
19	240/1B	Private	Non-Agriculture	607	Saajida W/o. Azmathulla
20	259/2	Government	Poramboku	57	Government
21	259/3	Government	Dry	101	Government
22	260/2	Government	Poramboku	40	Government
23	260/3	Private	Non-Agriculture	40	Halimabhi W/o. Abdul Gafoor, Julekabi, Asif Bhanu, Mahammad Riyaz, Shabuddin
24	260/4	Private	Non-Agriculture	324	Hayath Khan S/o. Ahamed Khan
25	320/2	Government	Poramboku	202	Government
26	321/2	Government	Poramboku	344	Government
Taluk : Mudabidri			**Village : Putthige**		
1	138/2	Private	Wet	3521	Dr. Geetha Bhat W/o. Late.Dr. Gopinath Bhat
2	14/2	Private	Wet	101	Sulochana W/o. Yekanath Kotyan
3	14/3	Private	Wet	567	Suresh Dooja Anchan S/o. Dooja Anchan
4	14/7	Private	Wet	607	Narsi W/o. Dooja Anchan
5	14/8	Private	Wet	486	Prakash Amin S/o. Dooja Anchan
6	148/1	Private	Non-Agriculture	2226	Appi W/o. Late Monu Gowda, Bhavani shankar Parvathi @ Padmavathi,Manjula, Dinesha
7	148/2	Private	Garden	41	Jagadeesha Shetty S/o. Doddaih Shetty Prema Shetty D/o. Doddaih Shetty
8	149/1B1	Government	Poramboku	50	Government Road
9	149/2	Private	Dry	1255	Dr. Geetha Bhat W/o. Late.Dr.Gopinath Bhat
10	15/1	Private	Wet	810	Rathna Shetty W/o. Vittal Shetty
11	15/2	Government	Poramboku	60	Government
12	15/4	Government	Poramboku	60	Government
13	15/5	Private	Wet	3966	Kanthilatha Shetty W/o. Thimmayya Shetty
14	16/2	Private	Wet	931	Deju Poojary, Kalyani Hengsu, Rajeevi, Giriyappa Poojary, Thimmappa Poojary
15	16/6	Private	Wet	2428	Deju Poojary, Kalyani Hengsu, Rajeevi, Giriyappa Poojary, Thimmappa Poojary
16	17/1	Private	Wet	404	Balakrishna Shetty S/o. Late Koraga Shetty
17	17/2	Private	Wet	81	Vivek Alva S/o. Dr. M Mohan Alva, 17/3
18	17/2	Private	Wet	323	Vivek Alva S/o. Dr. M Mohan Alva, 17/21
19	172/2B1	Private	Dry	648	Domenic Aranha, Felix Aranha, William Aranha Clifferd Aranha, & others
20	172/2B2	Private	Dry	202	Robert Fernandes. 172/2B
21	172/2B5	Private	Non-Agriculture	324	Monthu Aranha
22	172/2B6	Private	Dry	243	Walter Aranha
23	172/2B7	Private	Non-Agriculture	708	Francis Aranha
24	172/6A2	Private	Non-Agriculture	40.47	Francis Aranha Charles Fernandes & others
25	172/6B	Private	Dry	162	Robert Fernandes & others, 172/6
26	18/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	1214	Appi W/o. Late Monu Gowda, Bhavani shankar Parvathi @ Padmavathi, Manjula, Dinesha
27	191/1B	Private	Dry	2914	Nemu Hengsu (late), Baby Poojary S/o. Nemu Hengsu
28	191/2	Private	Dry	1821	Sidhu Poojary, Bhavani Susheela (Interested Person) And Others.
29	204/1	Private	Wet	688	Dr. Geetha Bhat W/o. Late.Dr.Gopinath Bhat
30	204/2	Private	Garden	2469	Dr. Geetha Bhat W/o. Late.Dr.Gopinath Bhat, 204/2P
31	21/1	Private	Garden	1012	1) Dasu Shetty 2) Yadhava Poojary 3) Sheena Poojary, 4) Sumavathi 5) Shalini and others
32	21/2	Government	Poramboku	51	Government, Grama panchayath Puthige (Interested)
33	21/3	Private	Wet	1032	Kalyani, Yadhava Poojary, Sheena Poojary, Sumavathi, Shalini and others
34	21/4	Private	Dry	810	Kalyani D/o. Sheena Poojary, Krishnappa Poojary, Rajesh, Yogini, Revathi, Sumavathi, Jayanthi, Vanishree, Yadhava Shalini and others
35	218/1A	Private	Dry	3561	Bharathi W/o. Aruna Kumar, Avinasha S/o. Aruna Kumar, Ajay S/o. Aruna Kumar, Adeep Kumar & others
36	218/1B	Private	Dry	2428	Joseph D'souza
37	218/1B	Private	Dry	1376	Vishwanatha Ameen, Divakara Ameen, Krishnaih Ameen, Chandrahasa Ameen, Sanjeeva Poojary & others
38	22/3	Private	Wet	7000	Sidhu Poojary, Bhavani, Sundara Poojary (Interested Person)
39	227/1P	Government	Dry	2024	Government, 227/P
40	293/3	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Dry	293	Ignatius Lobo S/o. Jockim Lobo
41	293/3	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Dry	112	William Lobo S/o. Jokim Lobo Deepak Kumar S/o. Dr. S.P. Vidya Kumar Vikas Jain S/o. Jeevandar Kumar, Bharath Hegde and others, 293/4
42	293/5	Private	Non-Agriculture	152	Fedric Lobo S/o. Jokim Lobo Bharath Hegde, Vikas Jain, Deepak Kumar & others
43	293/5	Private	Non-Agriculture	50	William Lobo S/o. Jokim Lobo Deepak Kumar S/o. Dr. S.P. Vidya Kumar, Vikas Jain S/o. Jeevandar Kumar, Bharath Hegde and others, 293/4
44	**313/1**	**Private**	**Non-Agriculture**	**1295**	**Abdul Aziz S/o. Raja Saheb, Shiek Muneer (Interested Person), Jabbar Khan (Interested Person) Appi and others (Interested Person)**

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'Need to come out with district health programmes'

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AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Health Vision report has emphasised the need for chalking out district health programmes. Every district health administration should be able to provide comprehensive preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative, palliative, laboratory, telemedicine services to its population through implementation of health schemes, stated the report that was released recently.

"Currently, the policies, programmes, action plans, guidelines and directives generally flow from top to bottom, being formulated in national and State capitals and implemented in a district. It is well acknowledged that the involvement of a district team in planning health and welfare activities are generally limited. If local people are not engaged, local data is not available and local implementation does not happen, the impact is likely to be lesser," stated the report.

Former director of NIMHANS G. Gururaj, who is the chairman of the Vision Group, told *The Hindu* on Monday that a district is the nucleus of all health, welfare and development programmes. "Developing district programmes covering a population of approximately 2.5 million is possible, feasible, sustainable and manageable from an administrative viewpoint with decentralisation mechanisms. Focussing on a district, and developing that as a hub of implementation activities for completeness, coverage and quality is achievable and advantageous as it helps in improving health of local populations," Dr. Gururaj said.

"Many programmes implemented at the district level can bring convergence, integration and improved coordination. With a good district management, programmes can be moved further to taluka areas for more focused implementation. Each district has a wide network of health care facilities, district hospital, medical colleges in almost all (except 8) districts, private health care providers, local NGOs, industries and educational institutions and are led by the District Commissioner, CEO - ZP, District Health officer and a District Surgeon. Selective investment can be made by the State in focussed areas for improvement. Developing intersectoral approaches which are scientific, sustainable and cost effective becomes easy in a district based on good quality data," the report stated. Besides, capacity building and strengthening of district officials from health, education, transport, police, rural development, municipality, welfare and others is possible and can lead to better planning, implementation and monitoring through intersectoral coordination mechanisms.

"All district training centres can plan and implement human resource development activities as per their needs and at their times with coordination from the State. Local medical colleges can provide support through agreed upon frameworks. Each medical college can be given the responsibility of providing care and services in three primary health centre areas," the report stated.

"Optimisation and sharing of health manpower (through integrated training programmes for health personnel) can bring greater benefits and can avoid duplication of activities. With decentralisation of activities, personnel can be trained together on health matters and programmes. The possibility of implementing existing rules and regulations is more feasible, sustainable and economical in the long run at a district level," according to the report.

Citing the example of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) in Ballari district by NIMHANS in 1984, Dr. Gururaj said this programme paved the way for the National Mental Health Programme in 700 districts of the country and statewide DMHP (implemented in all districts) by 2020.

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Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) which includes explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (August 30, Tuesday), the following explainers are available:

- **Letter & Spirit** The jurisprudence of bail bit.ly/tcbail
- **Explained |** Najib Razak and the 1MDB scandal bit.ly/najibrazaktc

Online exclusives

- **Women Uninterrupted Podcast |** Coming out as queer to parents and society bit.ly/queerparpod
- **Watch |** Pa Ranjith on exploring the politics of love in 'Natchathiram Nagargirathu' bit.ly/ranjithvid
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Pension adalat today

BENGALURU

A pension adalat conducted by EPFO, Regional Office Bangalore (Central) will be held on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road, Richmond Circle. EPFO, in a release, said that people have to carry pension related details, documents and identity documents of pensioner/ beneficiary (PPO, bank account, Aadhaar, and mobile address.

Assault: Two Africans held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Tension prevailed on Brigade Road for sometime, when two African women created a ruckus, and allegedly beat up patrolling police early on Monday. According to the police, the accused had gone to a pub on Brigade Road and came out drunk at around 1.30 a.m., and allegedly created a ruckus on the footpath.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Office, Mechanical Engg., Dept., K.H.Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Tel: 080-22221321

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
TENDER NO: t-131 Dated: 30/08/2022
(Through E-Procurement Mode Only)

(1) KSRTC invites Tender through E-Procurement Portal for supply of diesel fuelled BS-VI fully built moffusil buses and BS-VI chassis to Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) as detailed below:

a) Fully Built BS-VI Moffusil Buses	: 560
b) BS-VI CHassis	: 50
Total	**: 610**

(2) Last Date for Bid Submission in e-procurement portal on 30/09/2022 @ 17.30 Hours.
Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.
NOTE: Interested bidders need to register in the GoK e-procurement portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for details. In case of further assistance, the bidders may contact e-procurement help desk for support Ph: 080–22230960 & 080–22234115 or email at eprocurement helpdesk@gmail.com. Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. E-Mail to eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com for further information if required.

Sd/-
Chief Mechanical Engineer
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/Com/1588/Mar/22-23

COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS, ACT RESPONSIBLY, AVOID INFECTION NOT THE INFECTED.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2,
No.39, Shanthi Gruha, Bharath Scouts & Guides Building, 4th Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001.
No.: Bengaluru/SLAO-2//2000/2022-23 Date:18.08.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby iformed to the general public and related Land Khatedars/Anubhavdars/interested people that for the lands with the below mentioned Survey Numbers in Bagaluru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, for establishment of Hardware Park Project, Initial Notification No.: CI 84 SPQ (E) 2021 Dated 10.08.2022 has been published in Karnataka State Gazette Special Issue Part-3 page nos. from 9485 to 9491 Dated:11.08.2022. It was informed that if there are any objections to this Land Acquisition Process, within 15 days from the date of publication in State Gazette, objections should be submitted in writing, in person or through authorized person to Office of the Special Land acquisition Officer-2, KIADB, No. 39, Shanti Gruha, Bharat Scouts and Guides Building, 4th Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001. Details of the Lands for Acquisition are as below.

Sl. No.	Name of Khatedar	S.No.	Name of Anubhavadar	As per J.M.C. Document	Acquisition Area		
					Ainu A-G	Kharabu A-G	Remaining A-G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Government	Part of 176	Moogappa S/o Kadappa,	176 Block No. 6	0-12	0-12	-
2			Rathnamma W/o Late B.M.Annaiappa,	176 Block No. 7	0-14½	0-14½	-
3			Narasimha M. S/o Late Muniappa, Satish	176 Block No. 8	0-18½	0-18½	-
4			S/o Late Subbegowda, Poojappa S/o Veerappa,	176 Block No. 9	0-23½	0-23½	-
5			Govt., Govt., Muniappa S/o Donniga	176 Block No. 12	1-34	1-34	-
6			Urf Donneyappa, Satish S/o Late Subbegowda,	176 Block No. 13	0-14	0-14	-
7			Venkatappa S/o Late Pillaga @ Pillappa,	176 Block No. 16	0-25	0-25	-
8			Narayanappa S/o Late Pillaga @ Pillappa,	176 Block No. 19	1-02	1-02	-
9			Venkatesh S/o Munishami Muniraju S/o	176 Block No. 20	1-05	1-05	-
10			Late Guddappa, Chikkamuniamma	176 Block No. 21	2-00	2-00	-
11			W/o Muniappa.	176 Block No. 22	2-00	2-00	-
				Total	**10-29½**	**10-29½**	**-**

It is hereby informed to the Khathedars/ Anubhavadars/ Interested persons of the above mentioned Lands that under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Section 28 (2) Information Notices were issued to the Notified Khathedars/ Anubhavadars and sent by Registered Post. Addresses of some of the Land Owners were not found and the postal department has sent back the envelopes with remarks to this Office. Khathedars/ Anubhavadars of the above mentioned Lands should consider this Notification as Information Notice under Karnataka Industrial Area Development Act 1966 Section 28 (2).
It is hereby informed that if there are any objections to this Land Acquisition Process, within 15 days from the date of publication in State Gazette, objections should be submitted in writing, in person or through authorized person with necessary documents to this office. It is brought to the knowledge of the public that objections received after the time period will not be considered. The enquiry of the above mentioned villages has been fixed **on 05.09.2022 at 11.00 AM.** It is informed to submit along with documents in writing or in person on the said date.

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, KIADB, Bengaluru.
DIPR/DD-C.P/1996/MCA/2022-23

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Project Section, CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Phone No.:0821-2544963 Website: www.cescmysore.karnataka.gov.in Email:gmproj@cescmysore.org

EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited invites **Eligible System Integrators** for Empanelment of Vendors for Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Solar RTPV Grid connected power plants on the Roof-tops of Residential building & Group Housing Societies/ Residential Welfare Associations (RWA) in the jurisdiction of CESC under Net Metering scheme including Annual Maintenance Contract for a period of Five years under simplified procedure of **"MYSURU SOURA GRUHA YOJANE".**

Vendors willing to Register/Empanel themselves in the Programme under Simplified procedure may get themselves registered with CESC Mysuru by submitting an application along with declaration and furnishing a Performance Bank Guarantee of Rs.2,50,000/- valid for atleast five years.

The details regarding participation can be obtained through General Manager Projects, Corporate office, CESC, Mysuru or by visiting our official website. **http://cescmysore.karnataka.gov.in**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/-
General Manager, Projects,
Corporate office, CESC, Mysore

DIPR/MYS/KA/ITA/429/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Road Infrastructure-South Division),
1st Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: EE/RI/South/PR/192/2022-23 **Date: 29.08.2022**

CORRIGENDUM-1

Subject: Modification in approximate amount put tender and EMD amount to be paid
Reference: This office Tender Notification No.EE/RI/SOUTH/TEND/02/2022-23, Dated: 23-08-2022.
In continuation to the reference above, Due to technical reasons modifications with respect to the earlier notification has been made and EMD to be paid is also amended and is as follows.

Name of the Works	Earlier Approx. Amount Put to Tender	Present Approx. Amount Put to Tender (₹. In Lakhs)	Earlier EMD (₹. in Lakhs)	Present EMD to Be paid as per amendment (₹. in Lakhs)
Redevelopment of roads surrounding K100 Valley Project in Chikkapete Constituency including electrification vide the G.O Sl No.97 (Package No. 2022-23-S6)	**792.00**	**826.56**	**12.00** (1.00 Lakh through e-procurement and Balance by Bank Guarantee)	**12.40** (1.00 Lakh through e-procurement and Balance by Bank Guarantee)
Improvements and Asphalting to Arterial and Sub-arterial and other connecting road in Chikkapete Assembly Constituency Vide the G.O. Sl.No. 96, 98 & 99 (Package No.2022-23-S7)	**792.00**	**826.50**	**12.00** (1.00 Lakh through e-procurement and Balance by Bank Guarantee)	**12.40** (1.00 Lakh through e-procurement and Balance by Bank Guarantee)

Calendar of Events : (1) Availability of RFP document from **30.08.2022** onwards. (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **05.09.2022** at **3:00** pm. (3) Last date for submission of Bid document is **08.09.2022** upto **5:30** pm. (4) Date of opening of technical bid is **12.09.2022** at **4:00** pm. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: Will be intimated to Technically Qualified Bidders.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - South Division

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Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Sq. Mtrs	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person
45	313/13	Private	Dry	284	Seema Sheikh Saleemuddin, W/o. Saleemuddin
46	313/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	20	Mahammad Isak
47	313/3	Private	Dry	284	Giriappa Naik S/o. Nagu Hengsu
48	313/4	Private	Dry	284	Seetu Hengsu D/o. Nagu hengsu
49	313/P	Private	Non-Agriculture	71	Mohammad Isak, Seema Sheikh Saleemuddin W/o. Saleemuddin (Interested Person), 313/ 14
50	358/4A	Government	Dry	600	Government
51	358/4B	Common	Dry	263	Salvador Souza S/o. Poul Souza, 358/ 4B1
52	358/4B	Common	Dry	537	Government, 358/ 4B2
53	390/1A1	Private	Non-Agriculture	769	Valerian Sequeira S/o. Late Monthu Sequeira Michael Sequeira S/o. Monthu Sequeira and others
54	390/1A2	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Dry	203	Thahira, Peer Saheb, Kairumbi Abbu @ Hussain Jareena & others
55	390/1A2	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Dry	202	Thahira, Peer Saheb, Kairumbi Abbu @ Hussain Jareena & others
56	390/1B	Private	Dry	607	Valerian Sequeira S/o. Late Monthtu Sequeira
57	411/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	728	Felix D' Silva S/o. A.D. Silva
58	411/3	Common	Poramboku/ Non-Agriculture	2598	Government (Intrested Person: Margaret Mascarenhas)
59	411/3	Common	Poramboku/ Non-Agriculture	112	Leela W/o. Kariya (House site grant)
60	429/1	Private	Non-Agriculture	931	Misriya banu D/o. B.K. Usman
61	429/2	Government	Dry	60	Government
62	429/7	Private	Non-Agriculture	405	Misriya Banu D/o. B.K. Usman
63	429/9	Private	Dry	162	Abubakkar
64	480/10	Private	Dry	3238	Sunanda, Sumithra, Shekhara Poojary, ShivanandaPoojary, Sharada S Amin
65	480/8	Private	Dry	404	Prakash Amin S/o. Dooja Anchan Suresh Anchan S/o. Dooja Anchan Sulochana D/o. Dooja Anchan
66	480/9	Private	Dry	931	Rajeevi Vishwanatha Anchan W/o. Vishwanatha Anchan Sathish Anchan S/o. Vishwanatha Anchan Sudhakara Anchan S/o. Vishwanatha Anchan Sujaya Naik D/o. Vishwanatha Anchan
67	534/10	Private	Dry	1012	Yogini
68	534/23	Private	Dry	283	Krishna S Poojary
69	534/5	Private	Dry	408	Sheena Poojary
70	534/8	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Dry	405	Shalini
71	534/8	Private	Non-Agriculture/ Dry	607	Shalini
72	534/9	Private	Dry	81	Yadhava Poojari
73	543/1	Private	Dry	50	Dr. Geetha Bhat W/o. Late.Dr..Gopinath Bhat
74	543/2	Private	Dry	607	Shrinivas Naik D/o. Rukmini Lakshmi Bai D/o. Rukmini Bhaskar S/o. Sundara Poojary
75	543/3	Private	Dry	931	Vishnu Naik, Mohan Naik, Vittala Naikx, Jagadeesha Naik, Leela & Others
76	543/6	Private	Non-Agriculture	4047	Bhaskar S/o. Sundara Poojary
77	543/7	Private	Dry	2024	Girija Poojarthi
78	561	Private	Non-Agriculture	3764	Alwin walter D' Souza S/o. Salvodar D' Souza
79	562/1P	Private	Dry	364	Mahammed S/o. Ismail Ibrahim & others, 562/1
80	562/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	4047	H.M. Haneef S/o. Abdul Khadar & others (Interested Person) Mahammad Irfan, Jubaida Niyaz, Aisamma, Khamarunneesa, Abubkkar, K H Abdul Rahiman, Raihaan W/o. M A Abusaali, Jyothi M
81	562/3	Private	Dry	404	Abubakkar S/o. Bavuddeen
82	562/4	Private	Non-Agriculture	445	Mumthaz W/o. Abdul Khadar
83	562/6	Private	Non-Agriculture	364	Ameena W/o. H. Husain and others
84	562/7	Private	Non-Agriculture	202	Ameena W/o. H. Husain
85	622/3	Private	Dry	4209	Thukarama Gowda
86	628/1	Private	Dry	223	Koppala Hamza Byari S/o. Ahamed Haji
87	628/2	Common	Dry	5463	Government, Mohiyuddeen Jumma Masjid & Al-Madrasathul Kadriya Handelu
88	628/2	Common	Dry	607	H Mohammed S/o. Ahamed, 628/3
89	697/1	Private	Dry	283	Ahmed Bava S/o. T Khalandar @ Khalandar Byari
90	697/1	Private	Dry	445	Hasanabba, 697/3
91	697/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	1012	Abubakkar Siddiq S/o. Abbas Byari
92	8/16	Private	Wet	1416	Jagadeesha Shetty S/o. Doddaih Shetty Ashoka S/o. Doddaih Shetty and others, 8/26
	Grand Total			**121206.94**	

[F. No. 13011/1/2013/PIU-Mangalore/Shimoga-Mangalore Section/3D]

RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Seer files anticipatory bail plea; CWC conducts mahazar at mutt

I believe in law of the land and there is no escapism, says Murugha Mutt seer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Seer of Murugha Mutt Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru addressing devotees and media persons from the first floor of the mutt in Chitradurga on Monday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chitradurga Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who is facing charges of sexually abusing minor girls in the hostel run by his mutt, moved an application in a local court seeking anticipatory bail on Monday while the Child Welfare Committee members conducted a spot mahazar in the mutt along with the girl victims.

The application moved by the seer's advocates is scheduled to be taken up for hearing on September 1. It may be noted that a case under POCSO Act has been filed against the seer in Mysuru which has been transferred to Chitradurga police for investigation.

Meanwhile, the CWC members took the two aggrieved girls along with police security to the mutt for mahazar of the place where the alleged sexual harassment took place. According to sources, they were taken to the room of the seer, and details of the incident were collected. There was some commotion as the devotees were asked to leave the mutt during the mahazar and the procedure was conducted, sources said.

Earlier, there was high drama as absence of the seer in the mutt had given raise to speculations that he had been detained by the police. However, the seer returned to the mutt by afternoon to clarify that he had not been arrested.

Addressing devotees and media persons on the mutt premises, the seer said there was no question of escaping from the episode. "I am among those seers who believe in the law of the land and respect it. I will extend all cooperation. There will not be any escapism," he said.

'Place of justice'

"We are in a place of justice and Murugha Mutt has once upon a time served as mobile court. The mutt has taken care of members of all castes and communities, including students, with love and affection. There is an unhealthy situation... But I am confident that I will come out of it," he said

The seer also thanked the devotees, who have been rushing to the mutt in thousands. "Your arrival has given me more courage and strength. I also thank those who are responsible for this show of love and affection. This development has rekindled the pride towards the mutt among the devotees," he said.

"This is not the first item that such developments have taken place. For the last 15 years, such conspiracies have been happening within the mutt and now it has come out and it is time to face the tough times together involving members of all communities in an intelligent manner. There will be a toward development now logical end to every issue," he said.

Earlier in the day, a member of the Mutt's Advisory Committee had told media persons that the seer had gone to meet an advocate in Haveri and would return by afternoon. However, there were divergent versions about the development, with police sources saying that the seer was prevented from continuing his travel reportedly towards Maharashtra and that he was escorted back to the mutt.

Meanwhile, Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Jayashree Channal, met the aggrieved girls at the Balamandir in Chitradurga and collected details from them. According to sources, the meeting lasted for about two hours.

Transfer case outside State if there's an iota of doubt: MP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Lahar Singh Siroya, BJP Rajya Sabha MP, has argued that Karnataka should consider transferring the case of Murugha Mutt seer, who has been accused of sexually abusing minor girls, outside the State if there is doubt that interests of justice will be served better if it is transferred.

In a statement, Mr. Singh said: "If there is even an iota of doubt that interests of justice will be served better if this case is transferred outside Karnataka, then that too should be considered. In this case, not only perceptions matter but restoring confidence in the health of our society is very important. All of us have a crucial role to play in that respect."

He said the Karnataka government and all political parties have to ensure that there are no pulls, pressures, politics, and interference in this case. "The girls deserve nothing but justice," he remarked.

"Minor girls have made serious allegations of sexual harassment. This is a shocking and sad development. Each time something like this happens, it shakes our confidence in our own surroundings, and in our people. As a society, we owe it to ourselves that these allegations are probed thoroughly and impartially," he said.

Congress launches campaign seeking answers from BJP govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Congress leaders D.K. Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah, Randeep Singh Surjewala, M.B. Patil, and Saleem Ahmed releasing a poster in Bengaluru on Monday. • PTI

Accusing the BJP government of not honouring the promises made to the people of Karnataka ahead of the 2018 Assembly elections, the Congress on Monday alleged that the ruling BJP had implemented just 10% of the promises during the last three years. The Congress also launched a campaign seeking answers from the BJP.

The campaign 'BJP Nimma Hathira Ideya Uttara?' to seek answers will involve each Congress leader posing a question every day to the BJP. The campaign also highlights the 'Operation Lotus' that brought the BJP to power in the State, alleged 40% commission in public works, and a series of alleged recruitment scams. As part of the campaign, the Congress launched short videos highlighting the alleged poor governance record of the BJP government.

"The BJP had made 600 promises before the polls. Even after coming to power three years ago, it has met only 10% of the promises," Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah said during a joint press conference in which KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and AICC general secretary Randeep Surjewala were present.

"People should understand that the government has committed a fraud them by not meeting the promises made. We have asked questions about it and let them answer them," he said, adding that the Congress government had met 158 promises of the total 165 promises made during the 2013 elections. The former Chief Minister said that though the BJP government had promised to spend ₹1.5 lakh crore to complete all irrigation works in the State, it actually spent only ₹48,000 crore during the three years.

According to Mr. Surjewala, the government is marred by four Cs – crumbling infrastructure, complete policy paralysis, corruption, and communal tension.

"Basavaraj Bommai has been the weakest Chief Ministers that the State has seen and Karnataka has become the most corrupt State in the country," he added.

Mr. Shivakumar said his party would start asking questions to the BJP from Monday and these questions would be posed on social media by leaders. "We are accusing the government of inaction based on the 2018 election manifesto. The manifesto itself is a bundle of frauds. Does the BJP have answers to our questions?" he said.

Cong. to take political fight to legislature

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Congress is expected to take the fight against the ruling BJP to the legislature.

The Congress Legislature Party that met on Sunday is believed to have decided to attack the government on issues such as 40% commission, employment scam, and other issues in the monsoon session that has been convened from September 12.

HC refuses to quash corruption case against sacked bureaucrat

Plea was filed by Sandeep Dash in BMRCL fund misuse case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

FROM THE COURT

The High Court of Karnataka has declined to quash criminal proceedings initiated against Sandeep Dash, a sacked bureaucrat, for allegedly diverting ₹30 crore fund of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL), investing it in mutual funds and making personal gain out of it when he was BMRCL's executive director (Finance) during 2005-07.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by Mr. Dash, who was an officer of the Indian Civil Accounts Services (ICAS) and terminated from the government service in 2016.

The proceeding was initiated against him in 2014 based on a complaint filed by the BMRCL and the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in 2017 filed the chargesheet against him and R.K. Ravishankar, then company secretary and general manager (Finance) of the BMRCL.

However, the CID had dropped the names of M.N Seshappa, then member (Finance), and C. Vasanthkumar, then treasury officer of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) from the chargesheet as they were named as accused persons in a separate chargesheet related to the BDA's scam in which Mr. Dash is the prime accused.

Parity sought

Mr. Dash had said that since he was named as an accused in the BDA case, his name should also have been dropped like the two others. The petitioner had only sought parity with benefit given to the other two accused and had not contested the chargesheet on merit.

However, the court said that allegations against the petitioner were different in the BDA and the BMRCL cases unlike the two other accused persons, whose names were dropped from the BMRCL case at the time of filling the chargesheet.

The court also noted that the CID had noted that the illegal acts of the other two accused persons in the BMRCL case were covered in the BDA case as they had diverted ₹3 crore of the BDA to assist Mr. Dash in the BMRCL case and they could not be prosecuted twice for the same offence.

The concept of double jeopardy under Article 20(2) of the Constitution of India would become applicable only if the offences are the same in the two proceedings, the court said while rejecting Mr. Dash's petition.

In the BDA case, Mr. Dash is accused of illegally diverting a total ₹2,139 crore of the authority's funds to mutual funds and earning personal gain of several crores of rupees when he was serving as member (Finance), BDA, during 1999-2005.

BJP seeks ban on novel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A BJP delegation led by MLC N. Ravikumar on Monday filed a complaint with the Bengaluru city Police Commissioner against writer Baraguru Ramachandrappa accusing him of insulting the national anthem in his novel *Bharatanagari*.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Madhav Buchi Prakash

A devoted and loving husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather. A caring and affectionate son, brother, uncle, cousin, and faithful friend, Buchi left us **on 28 August**, whilst doing what he loved best - playing polo. He leaves a family and a host of friends and relatives in shocked grief. May he rest in eternal peace.

In grief
Urmila
Malavika
Abhimanyu & Ishani
Kadambari & Parthiv
Granddaughter Inara

BJP will hold six mega rallies: CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The BJP in Karnataka will hold mammoth rallies at six places across the State in September and October.

"The rallies are being organised as per directions of BJP National President J.P. Nadda. After discussion, it has been decided to hold rallies at six places in the State during September and October," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters here after meeting the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Mr. Bommai also said the arrangements for the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Mangaluru on September 2 were discussed. "Discussion regarding the tour of Karnataka by teams led by State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, Mr. Nadda, and Mr. Yediyurappa in the coming weeks was also discussed," he said.

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No. 545/A/11/11/Gr. A&B/CHE/18/Adm Date : 29.08.2022
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION - WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
The Medical Superintendent, ESIC Hospital Ezhukone invites application for the post of medical officers on contract basis for Senior Residents & Full Time / Part Time Specialists in different specialties. Date of Walk-in-interview - 05.09.2022 - 10:00 AM at ESIC Hospital Ezhukone. For details, please refer our website www.esic.nic.in/recruitments
Sd/- Medical Superintendent

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URL : https://mpphscl.mp.gov.in, Phone : 0755-2578915
Dated : 29.08.2022
TENDER NOTICE
Tender for Quantity contracts of following items/Services shall be floated on website and portal dated 29.08.2022 :-
1. Online Tender Ref. No. T-359/MPPHSCL/Lab Refrigerator/QC/2022 uploaded on 29.08.2022 Portal and Website
All Prospective bidders are requested to visit www.mptenders.gov.in, https://mpphscl.mp.gov.in for further details.
M.P. Madhyam/106138/2022 CGM (TECHNICAL)

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar
No: 19/2022-23 Dated: 23.08.2022
E-procurement Short Term Tender Notification
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission (Functional household tap connection) 2021-22 of Kolar & Bangarpet Taluk, of Kolar District. Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Last date for online submission of Bid is 17.09.2022 upto 17.30 hours.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kolar
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TNO.26/22-23 No.HGML/EOI/11/2022-23 Date:30.08.2022
Tender Notification Inviting Expression of Interest (EoI)
Expression of Interest for hiring the services of a Global Consultancy Agency/Firm for Leaching plant automation and improvement of Sag & Ball Mill overall Efficiency.
Interested consultant/consultancy firm/individual consultants shall visit the link www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for necessary details like General conditions, eligibility criteria, etc., The interested agencies need to register with e-procurement GoK, Bengaluru for participating in EoI.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
1. Pre-bid meeting (Zoom): 06.09.2022, 11.30 AM
2. Last date for receipt of bid: 16.09.2022 at 4.00 PM
3. Date & Time for Opening of EOI bid : 19.09.2022 at 10.00 AM
Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Materials)
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Tender Notice
Sealed tenders are invited from the IRDA registered Nationalised Insurance Companies with experience in the field of insurance, for taking Insurance Policies like Marine, Fire, Burglary, Money in Transit, Money in Safe, etc. of TASMAC Depots, Senior Regional Manager Offices throughout the State and Corporate Office, for a period of one year from 01.11.2022 to 31.10.2023 (midnight). The value of IMFS and BEER stock estimated to be transported from Manufacturers' factories to TASMAC Depots throughout the State to be insured will be around Rs.27,200/- crores. Fire and Burglary Insurance Policies are to cover the stock worth Rs.770/- crores (approx.) at any point of time in TASMAC Depots throughout the State. Money in safe, Money in transit and Fidelity Guarantee Policy in respect of Corporate Office, 5 Senior Regional Manager Offices and 43 IMFS Depots are also to be covered.
Tender documents (with conditions and pre-qualifications) (supplied free of cost) may be obtained from the Office of the Managing Director, TASMAC Limited, IV Floor, CMDA Tower-II, Gandhi Irwin Bridge Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008, on any working day, upto 02.00 p.m on 30.09.2022. The tender documents may also be downloaded from Government of Tamil Nadu website (www.tenders.tn.gov.in) / TASMAC website (www.tasmac.co.in). The sealed tenders should be submitted at the above address before 03.00 p.m. on 30.09.2022 and will be opened in the presence of the tenderers, who choose to be present at 04.00 p.m. on 30.09.2022, at the above address.
DIPR/3342/Tender/2022 MANAGING DIRECTOR

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION RAMANAGARA
No.: 20/EE/RDWS&SD/RMG/TENDER/AE-1/1109/2022-23/Call-2 Date: 24.08.2022
RE TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of Karnataka in "TWO COVER SYSTEM" through E-Procurement portal for "Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme To 94 Habitatiln of Ramanagara Taluk and 72 Habitations of Magadi Taluk in Ramanagara District from Y.G. Gudda M.I. Tank on Design, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) Basis" Sanctioned under JJM.

Amount Put to Tender	Rs. 120.96 Crores
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 1.21 Crores
Eligibility	PWD Class-1, Contractor
Pre-Qualifications Condition mentioned in the Tender Document	

Calendar of Events: 1) The Contractor can Download the Tender Document from : 24.08.2022. 2) Pre-Bid Meeting : 05.09.2022. 3) Place of Pre-Bid Meeting : O/O CE, RWSSD, 1st Floor, KHB Complex, KG Road, Bengaluru-560009. 4) Last Date of Submission of Tender : 15.09.2022. 5) Opening of Technical Bid for the Tenders : 17.09.2022. Opening of Financial Bid for Tenders : 21.09.2022.
The Blank Tender Documents can be Viewed or Downloaded from E-proc portal, Details of Work/Eligibility of Contractor/ Tender Processing Fees/Dates of Events etc. can be had from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Further Information can be had from the undersigned during office hours; Right of Acceptance of Tender is reserved. E-proc portal helpdesk: 080-22371090/22373788. Helpdesk.blr@intarvo.com
Sd/-
Exeutive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Department
Ramanagara Division
DIPR/Ramanagar/193/Manipal/2022-23

MAHANAGAR PALIKE KALABURAGI
Ph.: 08472/ 278675, Fax : 08472/ 260776, E-mail : itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com
No: KMP/EE/ELE/ 06/2022-23 Date : 26.08.2022
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER PUBLICATION (CALL-2)
1) Details of tender : Procurement of Electrical annual maintenance of street light 6 package works for the year 2022-23(CALL-2), 2) Head of Account : Corporation Fund, 3) Amount put to tender : Maximum amount for tender work Rs.70.00 Lakhs and Minimum amount for tender work Rs. 50.00 Lakhs, 4) EMD : Maximum EMD amount Rs.1.40 Lakhs & Minimum EMD amount Rs.1.00 Lakhs, 5) Class of Contractor : Valid PWD Electrical CLASS-I, 6) Last date for submission of tender : 14.09.2022 at evening time 4:30 PM, 7) Opening of Technical tender bid : 15.09.2022 at evening time 4:35 PM, 8) Opening of financial bid: 26.09.2022 in Morning time at 11:30 AM, 9) For further information contact to : Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagar Palike, Kalaburagi, 10) E-procurement link: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Kalaburagi Mahanagar Palike Kalaburagi
DIP/Kalaburagi/541/MC&A/2022-23

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Office of the Registrar, Central College Campus, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560 001.Ph.No.080-22961016 / 22131385, E-mail: registrarbcu@gmail.com
No. BCU/EST-1/G.F.R/2022-23 Date: 29.08.2022
PRESS RELEASE
Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the guest faculty for the following UG and PG programmes in the University Departments and Constituent Women College for the academic year 2022-23. Interested candidates are advised to visit the University website: www.bcu.ac.in. and use the link https://universitysolutions.in/bcu/forms/ for online filling application and to upload the documents. The last date and time for filling online application along with processing fees of Rs. 200/- (for SC/ST/CAT-1 Rs. 100/-) is 19.09.2022 on 5.00 PM. The candidates shall submit hard copy and the filled application forms to the office of the Registrar, Bengaluru City University, Central College Campus, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001 on or before 5.00 PM on 23.09.2022.
Faculty of Science: 1. Chemistry 2. Bio-Chemistry 3. Botany 4. Zoology 5. Mathematics 6. Physics 7. Fashion and Apparel Design 8. Environmental Science 9. Computer Science
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Five members of family killed in Kerala landslip

Search operations hit due to rain and piling up of debris in Idukki district

STAFF REPORTER
IDUKKI

Five of a family were killed after a major landslip struck Maliyekkal Colony at Kudayathoor, near Thodupuzha, in Kerala's Idukki in the early hours of Monday.

The deceased were identified as Chittadichaalil Soman, his wife, Shiji, and their 25-year-old daughter Shima. The other two were identified as 74-year-old Thankamma, Soman's mother, and four-year-old Devanand, Shima's son. The bodies were found trapped under the debris.

The bodies have been shifted to the Thodupuzha taluk hospital for post-mortem examination. Fire and Rescue Services personnel are continuing their search operations at the site. Continuing rain and the piling up of debris on the road, however, have slowed down the operations.

Meanwhile, a team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) reached the location.

Rescue operations in progress at the landslip site at Kudayathoor village, near Thodupuzha in Idukki district. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to officials, the region has been witnessing heavy rain since Sunday night, leading to the landslip around 4.15 a.m on Monday.

The district administration have made arrangements for shifting the remaining families in the colony to a safe location. District Police Chief V.U. Kuriakose has deployed a special team, which also comprise sniffer dogs, to carry out the search operation.

In view of the heavy rain forecast, Idukki District Collector Sheeba George has declared a ban on night travel on the Puliyanmala-Thodupuzha State highway from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Earlier last month, a similar landslip had struck the Puthukkady estate near Munnar, damaging the staff quarters of Kanan Devan Hills Plantations (KDHP), besides shops, a temple and several parked villages. However, no casualties were reported.

Rain lashes Vijayawada, Krishna river in spate

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

Heavy rain lashed Vijayawada on Monday under the influence of a cyclonic circulation over south coastal Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring areas. The downpour, which lasted for about an hour, caused waterlogging in many low-lying areas and inundation of roads.

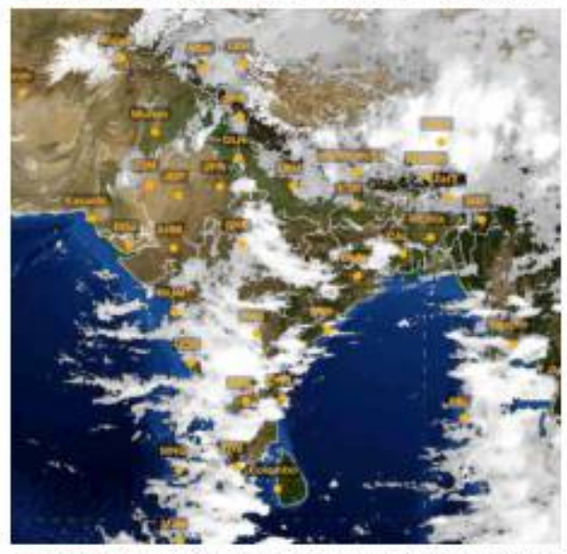
People going to offices, educational institutions and workplaces were the worst-affected as the waterlogged roads led to traffic snarls.

Meanwhile, the Krishna river continues to be in spate as the inflows rise. The inflow and outflow at the Prakasam Barrage which were around 1.7 lakh cusecs at 10 a.m. crossed 2.09 lakh cusecs by 4 p.m.

The outflow at the Nagarjuna Sagar Dam was over 2.81 lakh cusecs and the same amount of flood water is likely to reflect at the Prakasam Barrage within a day.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Konkan & Goa and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	36.4	27.1	Kozhikode	–	30.2	24.0
Ahmedabad	–	33.0	26.0	Kurnool	58	31.6	22.9
Aizawl	–	27.1	21.8	Lucknow	0.8	34.6	25.5
Allahabad	–	31.0	26.5	Madurai	5	35.2	24.1
Bengaluru	0.4	26.3	21.6	Mangaluru	0.9	29.3	24.1
Bhopal	–	30.2	24.4	Mumbai	2	31.1	24.4
Bhubaneswar	–	34.5	26.3	Mysuru	12	30.0	19.4
Chandigarh	55	33.6	24.3	New Delhi	–	35.9	26.9
Chennai	10	33.0	24.9	Patna	1	34.2	26.2
Coimbatore	4	32.8	23.2	Port Blair	–	31.2	25.2
Dehradun	67	29.7	23.0	Puducherry	–	32.8	24.2
Gangtok	2.2	20.6	18.5	Pune	–	30.3	20.6
Goa	–	31.4	24.5	Raipur	62.6	34.0	23.2
Guwahati	–	35.4	26.2	Ranchi	33	30.7	21.9
Hubballi	–	29.0	22.0	Shillong	3	25.3	17.6
Hyderabad	–	30.8	24.2	Shimla	7	22.0	16.8
Imphal	0.2	30.7	20.7	Srinagar	–	29.0	16.2
Jaipur	–	34.6	25.7	Thiruvananthapuram	19	28.6	23.9
Kochi	10	28.8	24.4	Tiruchi	29	34.3	23.5
Kohima	–	22.1	15.6	Vijayawada	5	33.4	25.6
Kolkata	2	35.5	27.7	Visakhapatnam	0.2	34.0	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	49	61	.96	54	105	
Bengaluru	6	22	.52	79	72	
Chennai	36	38	.22	54	66	
Delhi	22	68	110	98	252	
Hyderabad	12	2	146	94	115	
Kolkata	5	24	.11	34	58	
Lucknow	11	49	.27	52	68	
Mumbai	9	8	103	92	88	
Pune	–	31	.82	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	9	23	.13	49	69	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Yamunanagar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 261 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Court to take up pleas on hijab issue on Sept. 5

Bench issues notice to Karnataka govt.

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court fixed the hearing of arguments for September 5 on a batch of petitions challenging a Karnataka High Court decision upholding a State government order banning hijab in classrooms.

A Bench led by Justice Hemant Gupta issued notice to the State government on a plea to stay the High Court order.

Karnataka, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, accepted the notice and said no counter was required to be filed. The State said that it was ready to argue the case on law on Monday.

The petitioner-students sought an adjournment saying the case was listed "suddenly" and lawyers had to travel to the top court from across the country.

"This kind of forum-shopping we won't permit... Time and again you have sought early listing. Now when the case is listed, you want an adjournment. Travelling from Karnataka will only take two-and-a-half hours... We will take up this case on Monday itself," Justice Gupta said.

Go back to HC, top court tells Sabarimala petitioner

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed a petitioner claiming that the traditional forest routes to the famed Sabarimala temple in Kerala are still not open to devotees to approach the State High Court.

A Bench led by Justice Aniruddha Bose asked the Kshetra Aachaara Samrakshna Samiti, represented by advocate Suvidutt Sundaram, to move the High Court with their prayer to lift the restrictions on access to the traditional routes.

Mr. Sundaram said the trek through the forest routes form part of the essential part of religious practice for devotees undertaking the pilgrimage to Sabarimala.

The traditional route to Sabarimala temple has been closed due to pandemic.

"Go back to the High Court," Justice Bose reacted.

Arumughaswamy for 'enquiry' against Sasikala

Cabinet decides to seek legal opinion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Justice A. Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry, which probed the circumstances leading to the death of Jayalalithaa, has recommended an "enquiry" against V.K. Sasikala, aide of the former Chief Minister, Sivakumar, former Minister C. Vijayabaskar, former Chief Secretary P. Rama Mohana Rao, among others.

The Cabinet met at the Secretariat on Monday, discussed the contents of the report and decided to seek legal opinion from experts, an official release said. The Cabinet decided that after "appropriate action", the commission's report, along with the action taken report, would be placed in the Assembly.

The meeting, chaired by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, also discussed the report of the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission of Inquiry, which has recommended departmental action against 17 police personnel and four officials, including the Collector, over the police firing in Thoothukudi on May 22, 2018, that killed 13 persons.

Agitators cannot hold up Vizhinjam port works: HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Monday orally observed that detractors of the Vizhinjam International Seaport project could peacefully agitate, but the question was whether they could completely hold up its construction.

Justice Anu Sivaraman, while hearing a petition filed by the Managing Director and CEO and Corporate Affairs Head of Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited seeking police protection, orally observed that the agitations should not lead to a situation where the project works were held to ransom. The court said that the protests could not be quelled. If the protesters had complaints, they would be considered.

'Major works stalled'

The court adjourned the hearing on the petition to August 31. When the petition came up for hearing, the counsel for the petitioners submitted that despite the court's interim order directing the police to maintain law and order at the port site, the protesters were allowed to enter and vandalise it. The petitioners said the protesters were trying to delay the commissioning of the project. Hundreds of people under the leadership of a priest had launched an agitation in front of the project site, blocking access to the port entry. It had resulted in stalling of ongoing works.

Any further delay in the completion of the project would adversely affect the petitioners, the State government, and even the public, since a portion of the works, including the construction of a breakwater and the fishing harbour, was funded by public money, they added.

Two idols stolen from Nagapattinam temple traced to United States

R. SIVARAMAN
CHENNAI

The probe by officers of the Idol Wing CID into the theft of a Vinayaka idol stolen 50 years ago led to the chance discovery of 11 more antique idols stolen from the temple. Interestingly, the temple staff were unaware of the theft until the officers reached the temple and began investigating.

The Idol Wing began a probe recently following a complaint by Balu, a resident of Thirukkuvalai taluk. He alleged that an antique Vinayaka metal idol, which was worshipped at Arulmigu Pannaka Parameswara Swamy temple in Pannatheru in Nagapattinam, was missing.

As neither the temple nor the residents had any images of the idol that was stolen 50 years ago, personnel of the special wing decided to approach the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP), a research centre in Puducherry which has a collection of 1,40,000 photographs of temples and historical structures in south India. The IFP had taken pictures of idols kept in 1959 and had a collection.

The Vinayaka idol that was stolen from the temple in Nagapattinam 50 years ago.

During the scrutiny of the images, the investigating officer learnt that eleven other idols namely – Somaskandar, Chandrasekhara Amman, Devi, Astiradevar, Pidari Amman, Navagraha Surya, Boghasakthiamman, dancing Sambandhar, Chandrasekhar with Chandrasekhar Amman, standing Chandrasekhar and standing Vinayaka – were stolen from the temple 50 years ago besides the Vinayaka idol.

A senior police officer said: "Interestingly, even the temple staff did not have a list of the idols in their records and the devotees too had no clue. Our investigation revealed that the idols were stolen from the temple over a period of time, with the connivance of those entrusted with the affairs of the temple. Soon, an ongoing investigation will reveal the truth."

The Investigation officer first traced the idol of Devi to the Sotheby's, New York, which had acquired the 48.3-cm idol between 1970 and 1973. The auction house recently sold it for US$ 50000 (₹39, 98,575). Further, one of the two bronze Vinayaka idols stolen from the temple was traced to the Norton Simon Museum, U.S., said the investigation officer Indira. The standing Vinayaka idol came into the possession of the museum in 1972, which the IFP had photographed in 1959.

Police said inputs from heritage enthusiast and co-founder of India Pride S. Vijay Kumar corroborated the investigating officer's findings.

The idol that belongs to the Madurai Adheenam is about 1.5 feet tall and 1 foot wide, is exquisitely carved and is reported to be worth ₹3 crore in the international market.

Advisory on face masks, festival congregations, testing in Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Ahead of the festival season, the State Health Department has issued a circular on Monday advising strict enforcement of compulsory face masks in offices both government and private, common areas of apartment complexes, indoor areas like hotels, clubs, restaurants, pubs and bars (except while dining), choultries, cinemas, educational institutions (for those above 5 years of age); public transport like buses, metro and trains, shopping malls and markets and other common spaces.

The circular has been issued following the State's Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) recommendations in view of the upward trend observed in the number of COVID-19 cases in the State since the first week of June. Minimal compliance by people to COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB), especially face masking, testing and vaccination, can lead to a further uptick, the TAC noted.

"Considering the festivities all through September, the public celebration of Ganesha festival due on August 31 should be observed, preferably outdoors and with strict compliance to CAB, thermal screening at entry, social distancing of one metre, provision of hand sanitizer at strategic places, compulsory face masking throughout and fully vaccinated persons should be encouraged to participate. Any symptomatic person found should be isolated and referred for treatment and primary contacts tested. Compulsory face masking should be enforced in all indoor assemblies," the circular stated.

Testing strategy

Although the present testing strategy in the State is largely based on the ICMR advisory on purposive testing for COVID-19, the department has instructed staff to compulsorily test all ILI and SARI cases, all symptomatic international arrivals, all primary contacts and even asymptomatic persons who are at risk like elderly (over 60 years of age) and those with co-morbidities.

"All symptomatic persons should be tested by Rapid Antigen Tests and if negative, tested by RT-PCR. For asymptomatic cases, RAT should not be done. They should be tested through RT-PCR only. All samples with CT (cycle threshold) value of less than 25 from symptomatic international arrivals, those hospitalised, those from large clusters (five or more cases and outbreaks (15 or more cases) should compulsorily be sent for Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS)," another circular stated.

Minister to file defamation case against RUPSA chief

'Allegations against me are baseless'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Minister for Primary Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh has decided to file a defamation case against the president of Registered Unaided Private Schools Management Association (RUPSA).

He told reporters on Monday: "I will file a defamation case in court against those who have made baseless and false allegations against me."

He said: "Allegations of corruption have been alleged against the Education Department. However, no complaints have been made to our office in this regard. No complaint has been lodged with the Commissioner's office either. If a complaint is filed with evidence, appropriate inquiry will be conducted against the official concerned and action will be taken. The complaint can also be lodged with the investigating agencies and courts. Complaints with evidence are freely welcome. However, making baseless accusations displays height of irresponsibility."

"This false allegation may be made by some anti-education forces who do not tolerate this government's initiatives taken for securing the future of children. There may also be a blackmailing strategy hidden in this," opined the Minister.

Lokesh Talikatte, president of RUPSA, accused Mr. Nagesh and the officials of the department of indulging in rampant corruption.

Karnataka exploring path correction of educational framework: Minister

'Govt. will look at bringing about holistic change with special focus on STEM'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka has been actively exploring a 'path correction' as far as existing educational frameworks, policies, and syllabi are concerned, said C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for IT, BT, S&T, and Higher Education.

Speaking at an event organised by the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), the Minister said his government would look at bringing about a holistic change in educational policies with special focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and language skills in order to grow talent for the next generation growth of technology and innovation in the State. Commenting on the growth of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Karnataka, the Minister said the State has been instrumental in implementing favourable policies to attract global GCCs across sectors.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan

"Reforms and new policies are our priorities. Our government will do whatever it takes to catch up with the trends of each industry," he said.

KDEM chairman B.V. Naidu said GCCs have undergone a radical transformation to focus on providing values beyond the regular wage and cost benefit of organisation.

"It is only fitting that Karnataka builds a stronger base for GCCs in the coming years that will support the State's mission to fuel the growth of clusters beyond Bengalruru," said Mr. Naidu.

According to Sanjeev Gupta, CEO, KDEM, in the last two years, India has emerged stronger as a GCC location globally and Bengaluru accounted for over 60% of the GCCs in the country.

"While GCCs were focused on expanding in established metros, times are changing with a significant increase in demand for workforce in emerging tech clusters," Mr. Gupta said, adding that "In the last few months we have seen 20 companies moving to Mysuru, Hubballi, and Mangaluru, and in fact some 85 GCCs are in the pipeline and in discussion with us now."

KDEM has entered into a partnership with ANSR, a Bengaluru-based firm that helps MNCs set up GCCs to bring together policy makers and GCC leaders to chart a road map for KDEM's spoke-shore strategy and also to promote tech clusters for GCCs beyond Bengaluru.

Medical team flies Kodiyeri to Chennai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A medical team from Tamil Nadu flew Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI (M)] Polit Bureau member Kodiyeri Balakrishnan in a special air ambulance to the Apollo Hospital in Chennai on Monday for treatment.

On Sunday, the CPI(M) State committee elected Excise Minister M.V. Govindan as the party's State secretary. A CPI(M) communique said Mr. Balakrishnan, the then incumbent, was hard-pressed to discharge his party duties. His wife, Vinodini Balakrishnan, accompanied the leader.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan called on Mr. Balakrishnan before the latter left for Chennai.

Congress conundrum

The organisational polls must stir its workers to life if the party is to survive

Amid turmoil and uncertainty, the Congress has announced the schedule for the election of a new president. Senior leaders are revolting, the party's incumbent president Sonia Gandhi is battling ill health, and her son Rahul Gandhi is unwilling to take on the mantle. The party will be electing a president on October 17, as per the schedule endorsed by the Congress Working Committee. The Congress is also planning a march – nearly 3,500 kilometres across 12 States and two Union Territories over 150 days, billed as the Bharat Jodo Yatra, or Unite India march – to be led by Mr. Gandhi whose future role in the party remains vague. The party has also called a rally in Delhi on September 4 against price rise. To be fair, the Gandhi family finds itself in a spot – it will be ridiculed if one of them ends up as president, and if none of them is at the helm, new dynamics with unpredictable consequences could be triggered in the party. If the Gandhis are seen as backing a particular horse in the race, that will cast a shadow over the entire election process. All told, the best course for the party and the family is to facilitate an election process that is as fair as possible, and use it as an opportunity to open an honest conversation on revamping the party. The party is in decline, and the old strategy of waiting out the periods out of power will not work this time. It is at a crossroads or a dead end, depending on what the Congress decides to do now.

Some pointers to what ails the Congress can be found in the resignation letter written by Ghulam Nabi Azad, who was a key figure in the party for decades. The lack of grace and gratitude stands out in the letter, but Mr. Azad's career itself is proof of the validity of the charges that he makes against the party. With little popularity and no accountability, he remained a key decision maker in the party, became Union Minister for several terms, the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir once, and a member of Rajya Sabha for five terms, totalling 30 years. Only 11 people have had such a long innings in the Rajya Sabha. When he says that the party is being run by a coterie, he surely knows what he is talking about. In fact, rootless managers who masqueraded as leaders ensured that mass leaders were humiliated and driven out of the party. The list of such people who could not remain in the Congress is long – from Mamata Banerjee to Sharad Pawar to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The capture of the Congress party by a self-serving cabal had begun long before Mr. Gandhi came on the scene. No other party allows people who are incapable of mobilising the masses and winning elections to flourish like the Congress does. The organisational election must stir ordinary party workers and grassroot leaders to claim the party for themselves, and show power brokers their place.

Power play

The lifting of the suspension by FIFA is only a temporary end to problems of the AIFF

The Beautiful Game, as legend Pele described football, and the world's second most populous nation India, have a complicated link. There was a brief history when India played football in the Olympics and currently the European Leagues remain a top draw on television. Yet, India ranks 104th in the FIFA points table and to rub salt into its festering wounds, its parent body, the All India Football Federation (AIFF), suffered the ignominy of being banned on August 15, a day when the country celebrated 75 years of Independence. FIFA had cited 'third-party interference' as the reason for the punitive measure. The 'third-party' was a euphemism for the Supreme Court mandated Committee of Administrators (CoA) given the task of cleaning up the AIFF after the previous administration led by president Praful Patel, also a politician, went past the 12-year tenure mandated by the National Sports Development Code. Immediate concern centred around India's right to host the Under-17 Women's World Cup in October. In the subsequent flurry of developments involving the Sports Ministry and the Court, the latter returned power to the AIFF's acting general-secretary Sunando Dhar and his committee, which allayed FIFA's reservations against the now defunct CoA. And it was no surprise when the world's football governing body lifted the suspension over India on Friday. But this is not all's well that ends well.

Even if India's 11 days of limbo in the football wilderness is over, the collateral damage involved Gokulam Kerala FC being unable to play in the AFC Women's Club Championship in Uzbekistan. That the AIFF, CoA and the Sports Ministry were sluggish in their responses to the initial threat of a ban reflects poorly on them. It is a fact that both the Government and the courts revealed an urgency only after FIFA implemented the ban. This sordid turn of events is also a pointer to the duality across Indian sport, be it ones with commercial heft such as cricket or other segments that need support. Athletes largely punch above their weight while the administrative side is often caught up with dissidence and legal battles. Sport also unites politicians across the spectrum and this is a case of birds of different feathers flocking together. In the early days, sports associations fielded politicians as it helped them cut through governmental red tape. Meanwhile, politicians enjoyed sport's soft power and stretched their tenures. To complicate issues, not every athlete-turned-administrator put sport above themselves. There have been instances too of the palliative balm not being ideal as court-appointed mediators often turned out to be bureaucrats enamoured of star players while being churlish in clearing payments. As for the AIFF, its September 2 elections should ideally reveal a fresh path.

There are no easy answers to the freebies issue

The presumption that parties are oriented towards short-termism without any thought for the future may be incorrect

T.T. RAM MOHAN

When the then Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran launched his now-famous mid-day meal scheme in 1982, it met with opposition both within his own party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), and the Opposition. Within the party, there were concerns that it would result in leakages and corruption. The Opposition said it was intended mostly to bolster his personal image among the poor.

Parents saw merit in sending their children regularly to school. As a result, attendance at schools shot up. The benefits thus went beyond the immediate objective of providing adequate nutrition to children.

Merit versus non merit

The success of the scheme illustrates a broader point. It is hard to capture the total welfare effects of a given scheme at the outset and, therefore, hard to evaluate the merit of a given freebie (a word used to describe subsidised consumption). Bicycles for children may look like a cheap electoral bribe. But those familiar with rural areas would know that poor transport is a serious obstacle to attending school or college. Television sets may not be about recreation, they could be vehicles for imparting useful information or they could simply bring the family together, both of which have wider benefits for society.

Economists make a distinction between 'merit' goods and 'non-merit' goods. Merit goods, such as education and health care, have positive externalities, that is, the public benefit exceeds the private benefit. Such goods are worth subsidising. Not so 'non-merit' goods.

But what is 'merit' or 'non-merit' is not always readily discernible. With their acute appreciation of grassroots realities, politicians often have a better understanding than economists do of the 'merit' underlying certain freebies. They have a much better grasp of what it takes to change the lives of the disadvantaged or to bring about social transformation

Court's intervention

These considerations seem to underlie the Supreme Court of India's decision to refer the matter of freebies to a three-judge Bench instead of to a panel of experts as indicated earlier. During the hearings, the then Chief Justice of India, N.V. Ramana, remarked, "A shaving kit for a barber, a bicycle for a student, equipment for a toddy tapper or an iron for a washerman change their lifestyle and uplift them... That is why, sorry to say, you elite lawyers cannot understand." How true.

The Supreme Court has framed four questions for the three-judge Bench: What is the scope of judicial intervention? What should be the composition of the expert panel to examine the issue? Can the court pass any enforceable order? Does *S. Subramaniam Balaji vs Government of Tamil Nadu and Others* (2013) need reconsideration?

In its ruling in *S. Subramaniam Balaji vs Government of Tamil Nadu and Others*, the Supreme Court of India provided an emphatic answer to the third question and it

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also partially addressed the first question. The case arose out of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam government's election promise of colour TV sets for a specified group of individuals in 2006 and the decision of the AIADMK government in 2011 to distribute goodies such as blenders, grinders, electric fans, etc.

The Court addressed the argument that freebies are unproductive expenditure and hence must be frowned upon. The Court remarked, "Whether the State should frame a scheme, which directly gives benefits to improve the living standards or indirectly by increasing the means of livelihood, is for the State to decide and the role of the court is very limited in this regard."

The top court's observations on the specific issue of whether the distribution of blenders, grinders, fans, *mangalsutras*, etc. is a desirable form of expenditure are worth quoting at length. "The concepts of livelihood and standard of living are bound to change in their content from time to time. It is factual that what was once considered to be a luxury has become a necessity in the present day.... Hence, ... largesse in the form of distribution of colour TVs, laptops, etc. to eligible and deserving persons is directly related to the directive principles of the State policy... Judicial interference is permissible when the action of the government is unconstitutional and not when such action is not wise or that the extent of expenditure is not for the good of the State."

Should the Supreme Court be issuing guidelines on a matter such as freebies? The Court observed that guidelines such as the Vishakha guidelines on sexual harassment could be issued where there was a legislative vacuum in respect of an issue. There was no such vacuum with respect to freebies: The Representation of the People Act dealt adequately with corrupt practices on the part of political parties.

Public finances and a cap

It does appear that the crucial questions on freebies have been answered substantially. However, in the present petition, a new issue has been posed, namely, the potential for freebies to undermine public finances. What is to stop a political party from promising freebies left, right and centre in order to get elected and leaving behind a bankrupt economy? That seems to be the motivation for having a three-judge Bench revisit *S. Subramaniam Balaji*.

The Supreme Court faces difficult questions. How do you rein in expenditure choices that are not responsible? Who makes the judgment on whether political parties are being responsible enough? Duvvuri Subbarao, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, has proposed a cap on freebies, suitably defined. Alas, political parties will find a way around caps on freebies just as they have found ways around caps on the fiscal deficit. Moreover, it is hard to argue that freebies are the sole or even primary cause of fiscal imbalances. There is no assurance, therefore, that a cap on freebies will mean a return to overall fiscal prudence.

It is also incorrect to suppose that political parties are entirely oriented towards short-termism and will indulge in spending without any thought for the future. Political parties view themselves as going concerns that are in the game for the long haul. They are unlikely to take decisions that will wreck an economy and discredit them in the eyes of the electorate forever.

About growth and equity

Lastly, the issue is not expenditure on freebies *per se* but the choice of productive versus unproductive expenditure. It is all very well to say that we should be investing in job creation instead of blowing up scarce funds on freebies. But jobs in industry or services go to the relatively privileged, that is, those who have access to education and the means to afford it. A big chunk of freebies goes to those who will not be able to access the jobs created by productive expenditure.

So, how much to spend on freebies relative to productive expenditure is also a question of growth versus equity. It is a question that can be answered ultimately only by the electorate. They will do so by voting to power parties that they think have got the balance right. We may have no choice but to rely on democratic accountability to address the issue of freebies.

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Curing the patriarchal mindset of the legal system

Inclusion of feminist jurisprudence in the law curriculum and a sensitisation of legal practitioners must be considered

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A sessions court in Kerala, while granting anticipatory bail recently to an author and social activist in the State in a case of alleged sexual harassment, observed that the offence under Section 354A of the Indian Penal Code ('Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty') is not *prima facie* attracted when the *de facto* complainant was dressed in 'sexually provocative dresses'. (The Kerala High Court has since stayed the order of the sessions court). The sessions court had relied on photographs submitted with the bail application of the accused showing that the *de facto* complainant was wearing a dress that was 'sexually provocative' and hence, Section 354A would not be used against the accused. The observation was clearly an affront to a woman's constitutional right to dignity, life and personal liberty, and privacy.

The *ratio decidendi* proclaimed by the sessions court judge is a (patriarchal) Freudian slip. In psychoanalysis, a Freudian slip is defined as an error in speech, memory or action that occurs due to the interface of an unconscious subdued wish or internal train of thought. Terming a woman's dress as 'sexually provocative' is a result of the objectification of woman as an erotic quiddity. In this case, it is an unwitting sparking of a patriarchy that affected not only the individual judicial officer but also the entire socio-legal system.

The Supreme Court in *Aparna Bhat vs The State Of Madhya Pradesh* (2021) had held that "the use of reasoning/language which diminishes the offence and tends to trivialize the survivor [in gender violence cases] is especially to be avoided under all circumstances. Thus, the following conduct, actions or situations are deemed irrelevant, e.g. - to say that the survivor had in the past consented to such or similar acts or that she behaved promiscuously, or by her acts or clothing, provoked the alleged action of the accused, that she behaved in a manner unbecoming of chaste or 'Indian' women, or that she had called upon the situation by her behavior, etc. These instances are only illustrations of an attitude which should never enter judicial verdicts or orders or be considered relevant while making a judicial decision; they cannot be reasons for granting bail or other such relief." The controversial comment of the sessions court judge is a clear violation of the guideline given by the Supreme Court of India.

A struggle for women

The award-winning author, Githa Hariharan, in her introduction to Justice K. Chandru's book, *Listen to My Case: When Women Approach The Courts of Tamil Nadu* (it tells the stories of 20 women and their fight for justice), has pointed out that the process of going to court is hard for women; it is even harder when women do not have financial or emotional support from their family, custom or

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the present reading of the law. The representation of women in the Indian judiciary too is poor. For example, in March this year, Justice Indira Banerjee, the senior-most woman judge in the Supreme Court, highlighted how the top court (since its inception in 1950) has seen only 11 women judges. "The inclusion of women in the judiciary would ensure that the decision-making process is more responsive, inclusive and participatory at all levels." But this is only a dream. In the existing unsatisfactory jural environment, the occasional escape of the patriarchal cat from the judiciary's bag is quite expected.

For women, ensuring human dignity is still a broken promise. In *Bradwell vs The State [of Illinois]* (1872), the Supreme Court of the United States held that 'god designed the sexes to occupy different spheres of action and that it belonged to men to make, apply, and execute laws – and regarded it as an axiomatic truth'. The fact of the case was that Myra Bradwell, residing in the State of Illinois, made an application to the judges of the Supreme Court of that State for a licence to practise law. The Supreme Court denied her the permission and was of the opinion that "the paramount destiny and mission of woman are to fulfill the noble and benign offices of wife and mother. This is the law of the Creator". Is this antediluvian attitude that women are the children of a lesser god, still ruling the judicial roost in India?

Need for sensitisation

A remedial measure to cure the patriarchal mindset of the socio-legal system would be the inclusion of feminist jurisprudence in the curriculum for law students and a sensitisation of legal practitioners and judicial officers about feminist jurisprudence.

The *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* says: "Feminist philosophy of law identifies the pervasive influence of patriarchy and masculinist norms on legal structures and demonstrates their effects on the material conditions of women and girls and those who may not conform to cisgender norms. It also considers problems at the intersection of sexuality and law and develops reforms to correct gender injustice, exploitation, or restriction. To these ends, feminist philosophy of law applies insights from feminist epistemology, relational metaphysics and progressive social ontology, feminist political theory, and other developments in feminist philosophy to understand how legal institutions enforce dominant gendered and masculinist norms... Feminist legal philosophy is an effort to examine and reformulate legal doctrine to overcome entrenched bias and enforced inequality of the past as it structures human concepts and institutions for the future." Understanding the legal conundrums with the assistance of feminist jurisprudence would definitely help us debunk the patriarchal delusions of grandeur.

Individual's choice

Choice of dress is an integral part of an individual's freedom of privacy and dignity. Judging a person's dress is not the business of a judge; nor is the dressing style of a woman, a licence to outrage her modesty. In a liberal democratic state, choice of dress is a 'self-regarding act' over which the individual is sovereign as J.S. Mill pointed out. In 1583, King Henry III of France decreed that fabrics such as velvet, satin and damask to be limited to the elite class. The king stressed that god was angry because he could not recognise a person's status from his clothes. As Britannica says, a similar royal order was issued by King Edward IV of England in 1463 stating that God was displeased by excessive and inordinate apparel. In 1429, Joan of Arc adopted male clothes; this wearing of male attire was among the charges against her when she was tried by the Bishop of Beauvais, as donning male attire was contrary to the modesty of women and prohibited by divine law.

A judge of the Indian Republic who is committed to the trinity of liberty, equality and fraternity, should not be a reincarnation of Henry III, Edward IV or the Bishop of Beauvais.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Calendar ticked

The Indian National Congress is facing multiple challenges, but the fact is that its vote share in parliamentary elections shows that it still has some potential left. The party will have to sort out issues concerning organisational issues and leadership. In the presidential election scheduled for October (Page 1, August 29), the Gandhis need to take a step back even though some leaders appear to be canvassing for Rahul Gandhi. This is the right time to allow leaders and others to file their nominations, with elections being held in transparency. This will not in any way dilute the leadership role of Gandhi family. Rather, it would strengthen their positions. It would also ensure that INC workers feel invested in the party.

RAVI BHUSHAN,
Kurukshetra, Haryana

■ This is an ideal opportunity for the party to revive itself with the post being occupied by someone other than a member of the Gandhi family. A fresh face is what the party needs.

AVANTIKA SHARMA,
Kedarpur, Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh

■ What is of paramount importance is that the entire election process must be transparent in all respects. The party cannot survive with a 'puppet president'. The onus is on the dynasty to ensure that those in the Congress apply their mind to the whole election process and are free to elect a candidate of their choice. What is needed is the dynasty's zero interference.

C.G. KURIAKOSE,
Malippara, Kothamangalam, Kerala

■ Right from 2014, Rahul Gandhi has proved to be inefficient and unfit to be a leader. The string of electoral losses in States ruled by the INC is an example of his unsuitability to lead the party. Ironically, he was not even confident of winning from his own safe constituency, Amethi. Nor has he even made an attempt to wrest it back from the BJP. One hopes that the interim president Sonia Gandhi is wise enough to realise the shortcomings of Rahul Gandhi and ensure the success of a non-family leader.

N. MAHADEVAN,
Chennai

Ghulam Nabi Azad's exit

The resignation of 'elders' from the Congress is a blessing in disguise. They have held the party captive to the Gandhi family for too long. They enjoyed power without responsibility and they denied youngsters an opportunity. They do not have an understanding of the needs of the common man. The recent protests by the Congress were only to protect the Gandhis. When was the last time we saw the Congress out on the roads taking up issues that concern the common people?

DEVASSY KADAPARAMBIL,
Mysuru

Issue of freebies

Today, the Union Government's reliance on indirect taxes, to which the poor contribute substantially, has increased. Therefore, there is nothing wrong in giving the poor some basic amenities for their survival as a welfare measure. It would be wrong to call it a freebie. Under the present government, a major part of the benefits seems to be flowing to a chosen few due to its crony-capitalistic policies such as privatisation and corporate tax cuts. What the big corporates are enjoying is the real freebie. That apart, one fails to understand how freebies can be the subject matter of arguments in courts. It is a matter to be debated by Parliament, the media and in public meetings.

N.G.R PRASAD,
Chennai

In Dubai

The match the Indian cricket team played against Pakistan in the Asia Cup in Dubai will be remembered for a long time not only for its nail-biting finish but also for the calm and composed attitude of the Indian team. There was camaraderie throughout the match too.

B. PALANIRAJ,
Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu

Challenges of sub-national fiscal correction

The Centre and States need to prioritise expenditure and adhere to fiscal discipline

M. SURESH BABU

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Recent concerns over excessive doling out of freebies by States are often interpreted as intrusion into the federal powers of the States. States push back on this issue on the grounds of welfare provisioning and protection of the vulnerable sections of the population. The Central government's alarm has been on the mounting debt burden and the deteriorating fiscal situation in some States. As both the Union government and States are expected to work closely in a co-operative federal structure, frictions arising out of these exchanges might have repercussions on both resource sharing and expenditure prioritisation. Hence, it is important that the Centre and States are on the same page on these issues.

In recent times, three issues have emerged as major discussion points in India's fiscal federalism, leading to back-and-forth exchanges between the Centre and States. First are a set of issues related to Goods and Services Tax (GST) such as the rate structure, inclusion and exclusion of commodities, revenue sharing from GST and associated compensation. Second, State-level expenditure patterns especially related to the welfare schemes of States. Third, the conception and the implementation of central schemes.

Issues related to GST have a forum for discussions as they are usually the agenda for GST council meetings. However, other two matters are generally flagged by the Finance Ministry based upon reports and studies done by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. As States engage in clarifications on these reports and studies, it often ends up as exchanges of shifting the blame, especially when the Centre and the concerned State have different political parties in power.

Discretionary expenditure

A key issue of recent debates between the States and the Centre is the quantity and quality of public expenditure by the States. In this context, it is important to distinguish between two kinds of public expenditure. Mandatory spending is expenditure that is governed by formulas or criteria set forth, rather than by periodic appropriations and as such, unless explicitly changed, the previous year's spending bill applies to the current year for these items of expenditure. By contrast, discretionary spending is expenditure that is governed by annual or other periodic appropriations. While States demand more fiscal space for increasing discretionary spending, the Centre is pushing for more fiscal discipline by reducing the scope for discretionary spending and limiting States to focus on mandatory expenditures.

Generally, the aim of enhanced discretionary public expenditure is to stimulate the economy during periods of excess slack, as government spending multipliers would be high and work primarily through consumption channel. Discretionary expenditure is, at the same time, more volatile than mandatory expenditure. Cross country empirical evidence also shows that discretionary expenditure is not contemporaneously correlated with output growth and the correlation is low for the next immediate time period. Further, once started, some of the discretionary expenditure, used to increase demand in the economy, continues for longer periods leading to fiscal stress. This is because of the fact that it is hard to decrease government spending, especially on expenditure heads that raise private consumption, as it requires some counter balancing measures to deal with the resistance from the public.

The current debate around freebies needs to be viewed in this larger context of sub-national fiscal consolidation. In a federal system, States' fiscal stress gets spilled over to the Centre, leading to a situation of overall magnified fiscal slippages. As the economy is recovering from crisis, there exists a need to adhere to the path of fiscal correction both by the Centre and by the States, as a crisis demands more discretionary spending than normal times. Such additional expenditures need not be and cannot be sustained over longer periods. However, in the Indian context, many States indulge in higher levels of expenditures towards maintaining what they call as their 'models of welfare provisioning'. While these models claim to have their own merits, the effects of such expenditures on growth of the economy and well-being of the beneficiaries are ambiguous as there is a lacuna of credible evidence.

Fiscal consolidation

Sustained increase in welfare expenditure by the States leads to fiscal expansion, which necessitates additional resource mobilisation. When efforts towards additional resource mobilisation yield limited success, as in the case of many States in India, the States resort to borrowings. Fiscal expansion financed through debt and the resultant debt accumulation have important impacts on the economy both in the short run as well as in the long run. While debt per se might not be bad, the utilisation of funds raised through borrowings is important, that is, if it is used for capital formation, it could contribute to the real income of future generations and add to repayment capacity of the government as well. On the contrary, if use of borrowings is to finance only the current expenditure, it poses the risk of debt rising to unsustainable levels.

Data published by the RBI show that in recent years, States' outstanding debt has registered an upward movement. This could be partly attributed to the implementation of the Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY), farm loan waivers, sustained increase in populist welfare measures and growth slowdown especially in 2019-20. A combination of increased expenditure and non-commensurate revenue mobilisation efforts has resulted in increased debt-GSDP ratio (gross state domestic product) between 2013 and 2022. The debt-GSDP ratio of States increased from 22.6 in 2013 to 25.1 in 2018, and further to 31.2 in 2022 (budget estimates).

Given the prevailing macroeconomic environment, the debt-GSDP ratio is expected to increase further. This rising trend in debt-GSDP ratio needs to be seen in the context of revenue mobilisation efforts of the States. Overall, there is a decline in revenue receipts due to a fall in the States' own tax revenue. With dwindling revenue receipts, many States had to opt for expenditure compression to adhere to the fiscal responsibility legislation target.

This scenario underscores the importance of fiscal correction at the State level. While there exists a need for raising additional resources at the sub-national levels, expenditure prioritisation has to be carried out diligently. Discussions on freebies need to be understood in this context of squeezing of development expenditure and capital expenditure on some important social and economic services. The Centre, too, on its part needs to demonstrate commitment to fiscal discipline by sticking to announced fiscal glide path to ensure the sustainability of a frictionless co-operative federal structure.

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The new facets of terrorism

Recent attacks on public figures make a mockery of security knowledge that has been accumulated by security agencies

R.K. RAGHAVAN & AJAY GOYAL

Two recent acts of terror in Russia and the U.S. carry ominous signs for India. The first one was the attempt to murder Salman Rushdie, the famous author of the controversial 'The Satanic Verses', at an event in Upstate New York. He had been under constant police protection for years after Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a fatwa, a veritable death warrant, against him in 1989. So much time had lapsed since that threat that security services relaxed their vigil, and then, a previously unknown terrorist got to him for words he had written 34 years ago.

Mr. Rushdie is recovering but it is alarming that fanatics have such long memories. Terrorists driven by religious fanaticism are daring, suicidal and vengeful individuals and their fanaticism has no expiry date.

A second incident took place in Moscow on August 20 when the 29-year-old Darya Dugina, a nationalist and outspoken daughter of a conservative ideologue of Russia, Alexander Dugin – who is a supporter of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine – died in a car bomb explosion. Russian State security services have already released details of a suspect, a woman, who they claim had arrived from Ukraine, rented an apartment and escaped into Europe through Estonia. Immediately after the attack, the Ukrainian government called the claim a "fiction." There is reference to a Ukrainian website which is termed as a "hit list" by Russian State security officials in which several pro-Putin journalists' and writers' home addresses and personal data are listed. Darya Dugina was on that list, and her name was crossed out as 'eliminated', moments after the explosion.

These two incidents involve prominent personalities and should worry the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The attack on Mr. Rushdie was the handiwork of a 24-year-old "sleeper", an unregistered offender who was not on the FBI records as a terror suspect. The FBI should be hugely worried because of the considerable time interval between the fatwa issued by Iran's religious leader and its execution.

The high value targets

An enormous investment has been made by the U.K. and the U.S. in protection of high value targets such as Mr. Rushdie. The question is whether the American security establishment has slipped into complacency or whether it is simply impossible to protect a target because terrorists can melt away and integrate in the maze of ethnicities of the United States and emerge only to kill.

The U.S. has seen erosion of several human rights and privacy in an attempt to identify fanatic "needles in a haystack" that pose a terror threat. The U.S. agencies sift through volumes of personal data of citizens and people around the world and deploy tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) to identify terrorists or their sympathisers.

Similarly, the Moscow incident puts a question mark on the efficacy of Russian intelligence and the law enforcement agencies. The incident involving Daria Dugina is either due to Russian overconfidence or helplessness in keeping track of all threats, or both.

Spying democracies

What these two attacks tell us when it comes to terrorism is that there is no difference between the rigours of a security apparatus in a democracy and in a heavy-handed security state. Democracies and autocracies are known to use the same tools of spying on citizens, listening to conversations, sifting through petabytes of online data using AI to find patterns or abnormalities that might lead to someone who might be part of a terrorist organisation. The recent attacks on prominent public figures make a mockery of all security drills and knowledge that has been accumulated by security agencies over the years.

Against this background comes the disconcerting report from Russia that a suspect has been apprehended there, who is alleged to have been preparing to enter India and harm an unnamed dignitary. The individual is said to owe his allegiance to an Islamic terror group. It may be invidious to name names but the contours are clear. Even in the chaotic and rumbunctious democracy of India, leaders of all hues must therefore be mindful of their words, lest they become terror targets.

Infiltration of security agencies by terror groups has always been a nightmare to governments across the globe. In the last decade, technology, software and tools for eavesdropping on all kinds of communication are deployed to tackle infiltration. But it is obvious they offer no guarantee of pre-emption and early detection. Only alert vigilance in physically defending critical infrastructure, buttressed by international collaboration can keep the determined terrorist at bay.

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STATE OF PLAY

Redefining direct benefit transfers

The benefits are long-term compared to the short-lived happiness of freebies

AVINASH IRAGAVARAPU

The concept of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is to directly transfer cash to the beneficiary's bank account, empower the beneficiary to spend the amount it originally intended, and arrest the pilferage by corrupt politicians.

So far, no political administrator in the country would have understood the spirit of DBT better than Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Witnessing people's suffering during the 3,648-km-long padayatra, he vowed to herald a qualitative change in the lives of the poor. He announced "Navaratnalu" for the 2019 election manifesto. None of the "Navaratnalu" schemes is a freebie, as he carefully designed every scheme for long-term growth and development of people's lives. Thus, redefining DBT as development through benefit transfer.

The commitment to his promise was so strong that although during 2020-21 the State received only 29.35% of its share in central taxes against the 15th Finance Commission recommendation of 41%, Mr. Reddy was able to transfer ₹1.65 lakh crore since 2019, as part of the "Navaratnalu" schemes through DBT. He also ensured transparency in the beneficiary selection process through village/ward secretariats and the volunteer system.

Education is one of the essential tools for the long-term development of people's lives. However, based on the Ministry of Education report for 2016-17, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for Andhra Pradesh in primary education was amongst the lowest at 84.48, as against the national average of 99. Against this backdrop, Mr. Reddy introduced the Ammavodi scheme.

To encourage mothers to send their kids to school, the AP government is giving ₹15,000 per annum, with 75% mandatory attendance, to every mother. The Ammavodi scheme saw a steep increase in GER for girls at the secondary level.

Agriculture, one of the most important sectors, was in crisis because farmers had no access to institutional credit and were forced to take loans from money lenders at exorbitant interest rates. As a solution, Mr. Reddy announced the YSR Rythu Bharosa scheme to transfer ₹13,500 per year to 50.58 lakh farmers, totalling ₹23,875 crore DBT in the last three years.

Despite the pandemic, due to the timely DBT, the agriculture sector achieved a growth rate of 4.16%.

Women's empowerment might merely be a vote-catching slogan elsewhere, but not in Andhra Pradesh. Realising the importance of women in society, Mr. Reddy launched the YSR Cheyutha, a scheme assisting women aged 45 to 60 from weaker sections by providing a total of ₹75,000 to 24.90 lakh women in four yearly instalments to set up micro-businesses.

The Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) self-help groups (SHG) are an important part of the rural economy but due to the failed loan-waiver promise of the previous government, 23% of the SHG accounts were overdue and 11% of the SHG accounts were non-performing assests (NPAs). Mr. Reddy envisioned how the rural economy could be improved and announced the YSR Aasara scheme – supporting them in repaying their loans consistently for four years, to the tune of ₹25,517 crore.

Critics with vested interests saw these benefits as a burden on the State's exchequer, but Nobel Laureates such as Prof. Esther Duflo have said that these DBTs have an enduring impact compared to the short-lived happiness of freebies.

Skilled youth, a vibrant agriculture sector, a healthy family, and self-made entrepreneurs are assets to the country. The government's expenditure in creating these assets should fall under "capital expenditure".

Avinash Iragavarapu works with the Andhra Pradesh government

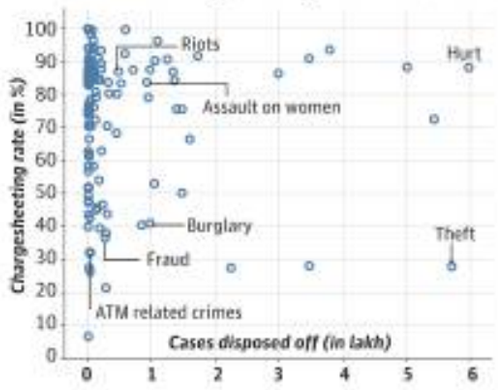
DATA POINT

Bringing up on charges

Of the cases chargesheeted by the police under "Offences against state" in 2021, 49% had taken more than a year to file a chargesheet. This is the highest such share among major cognisable IPC crimes. In general, thefts, burglary, frauds and bank related crimes recorded relatively poorer chargesheeting rate in 2021. On the other hand, cases related to causing hurt, riots, assault on women and murder had relatively better chargesheeting rates. Among States, in general, the north-eastern States had the lowest rates while the Southern States were better off. By **Jasmin Nihalani** and **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

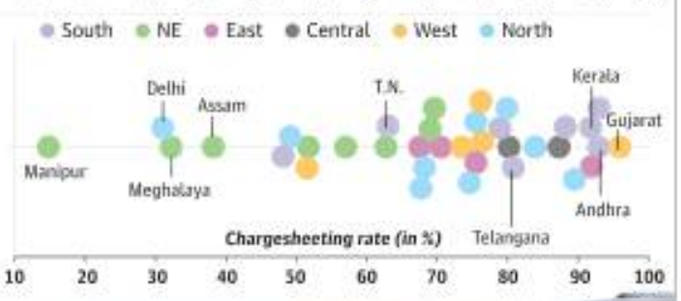
1 Chargesheeting rate

The chart plots the police chargesheeting rate of IPC crimes against the number of cases disposed off by police. Chargesheeting rate refers to cases chargesheeted as % of total cases disposed off. For instance, over 5.7 lakh cases of theft were disposed off in 2021 but the chargesheeting rate was 28%



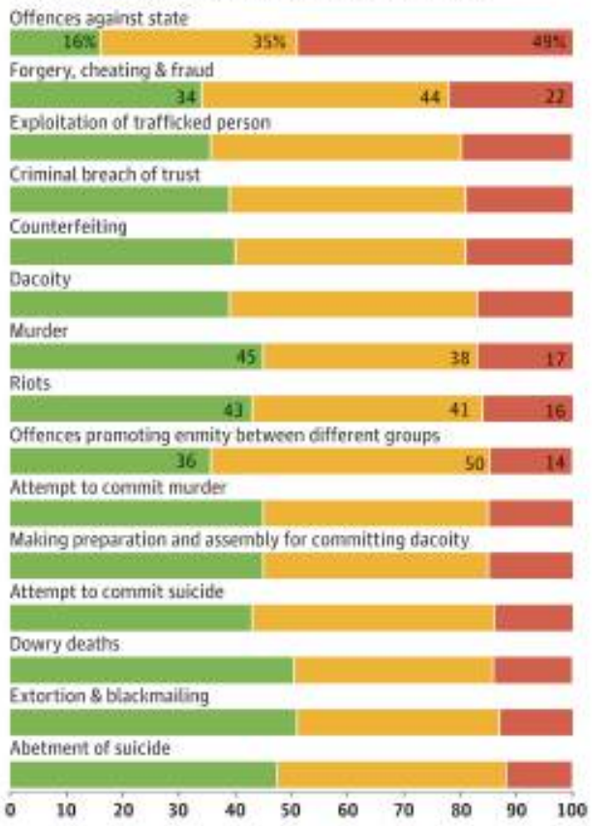
2 State-wise rates

The chart plots the State-wise chargesheeting rate of IPC crimes. Chargesheeting rate was the lowest in most northeastern States, while it was relatively higher in many southern States. Manipur recorded the lowest chargesheeting rate (14.8%) followed by Delhi (31%), Meghalaya (32.2%) and Assam (38.2). Gujarat (95.9%) had the highest chargesheeting rate followed by Andhra Pradesh (92.9%) and Kerala (91.8%)



3 Time taken

The chart shows the time taken by the police to file chargesheets. The numbers denote the % of total chargesheets filed in 2021. (▬) denotes within 3 months, (▬) represents 3 months to 1 year, and (▬) indicates more than 1 year. In cases under 'Offences against state', 49% of cases had taken more than a year to file a chargesheet



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 30, 1972

Wrong mix-up in drug

Madras, Aug. 29: At least 14 children have died in the city in recent weeks following administration of a drug manufactured by a local firm. 13 of them died at the Children's Hospital, Egmore. The drug produced as a syrup was intended to be administered for bringing down the temperature and for relieving aches and pains. The authorities of the hospital said all the 13 cases were brought to the hospital in a serious condition after the drug was administered by the general practitioners. Following complaints, the State Drug Controller had seized stocks of the drug in the market and samples were sent to the King Institute, Guindy, for examination. The test has shown that some batches of the medicine contained the toxic substance 'Di-ethylene Glycol'. Dr. V. Balagopal Raju, Director, Institute of Child Health and Children's Hospital, Egmore, said, "The cases brought to the hospital suffered from Anuria (failure to pass urine) after administration of the drug, paracetamol. The deaths are suspected to be due to accidental mixing up of 'Di-ethylene Glycol' instead of 'Propylene Glycol' in certain batches of the drug. All doctors and parents warned not to use the drug and turn over the stock to the State Drug Controller. The doctors who have prescribed this drug are requested to withdraw the medicine."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 30, 1922

Merchants' demand

Bombay, Aug. 29: The Indian Merchants Chamber and Bureau have addressed a letter to the Revenue and Agricultural Department of the Government of India in the one subject of the proposed direct wireless communication between India and the United Kingdom. While expressing satisfaction at the abandonment of the "unsatisfactory scheme" of working through Egypt which was favoured by the English post office, the Bureau wants to be reassured that no scheme with regard to wireless projects would ultimately be passed without the approval of the Indian legislature. The Bureau urges for serious consideration of the present state of depleted finances of the country and grave economic crisis through which it is passing. In conclusion, they expect an assurance by the Government of India that no wireless schemes will be adopted without the Indian legislature being consulted and without proper investigation.

FROM PAGE ONE

Tharoor may contest Congress election

If there are multiple candidates and an election is forced – it will be a first for the party in 22 years. The last contest for the party president's post was seen in November 2000 when Jitendra Prasada stood against Sonia Gandhi. Even then the election was one-sided as Mr. Prasada was miserably outnumbered – of the 7,542 valid votes, he got merely 94 votes.

Prior to this, in June 1997, the post for Congress president was keenly contested between the incumbent Sitaram Kesari, Sharad Pawar and Rajesh Pilot. Both Mr. Pawar and Mr. Pilot together polled 1,236 out of 7,460 valid votes polled, amid allegations that the electoral rolls were managed by Mr. Kesari, whose chosen people were heading various State units. Once again, questions have been raised on the electoral rolls. Congress Working Committee member Anand Sharma questioned the "sanctity" of the electoral rolls at Sunday's meeting of the panel.

Mr. Tharoor's move, sources said, is independent of the reformist group, originally called G-23 because of the 23 signatories (including Ghulam Nabi Azad) who wrote to interim Congress president Sonia Gandhi asking for an overhaul. After Mr. Azad's exit, the group so far has not had any formal meetings. "As a signatory of the so-called G-23 letter, I should say that it reflected concerns building up over many months among party members and well-wishers who wanted a re-energised Congress. These concerns were about the party's functioning not its ideology or values. Our only intention was to strengthen and revive the party, not to divide or weaken it," Mr. Tharoor wrote.

Out of the 23 leaders who were in the G-23, at least three leaders have already left the party. They are Ghulam Nabi Azad, Kapil Sibal and Jitin Prasada. Mr. Sibal recently won the Rajya Sabha election supported by the Samajwadi Party while, Mr. Prasada left to join the BJP and is currently a Minister in the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet in Uttar Pradesh.

Responding to the steady stream of leaders leaving the Congress, Mr. Tharoor wrote, "This latest in a steady spate of departures has been fuelling incessant media speculation and a daily dose of obituaries for the party. In turn, the Congress worker, who has already had to contend with the disappointment of the recent election results, risks further demoralisation."

Pak. open to restarting trade with India

Diplomatic sources told *The Hindu* that Pakistan had so far not requested aid from India, nor had it been offered. Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar pitched for more regional trade and for India's role in helping the neighbourhood to be more "generous" and "non-reciprocal" as it was in Sri Lanka.

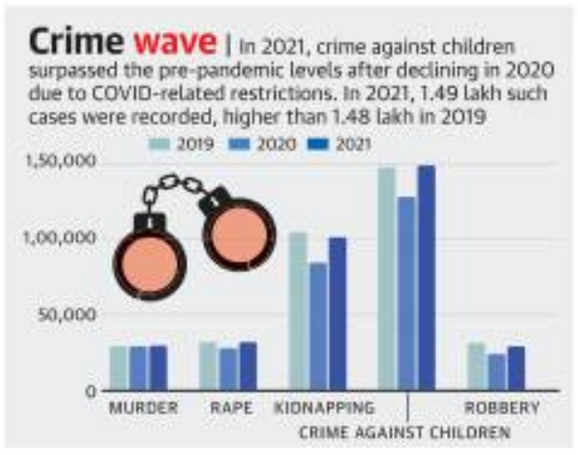
Both Mr. Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif are expected to attend the SCO summit due to be held at Samarkand on September 15-16. The MEA did not respond to questions about whether the PM's message indicated that New Delhi was already in touch with Islamabad over the flooding crisis. Ministers in Pakistan have said that nearly a third of the country was "under water" due to the incessant rain.

"We will open duty-free import, make it easier and I also want to say that we will consider importing through the land border with India because these prices [of vegetables] are not sustainable," Mr. Ismail said, according to the Pakistani media, in response to questions about the destruction of standing crops.

The Imran Khan government had cancelled all trade ties with India to protest against the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019. However, hit by the eight weeks of flooding, deaths and destruction of homes, various Cabinet Ministers have made appeals to the international community for assistance.

While it is unclear whether the Modi government will take forward the suggestion to reopen trade or extend aid, Mr. Jaishankar spoke at an event to launch an Asia Society policy institute on the importance of regionalism in South Asia. "Sometimes India as the biggest country has to step forward," he said.

Violent crimes back to pre-pandemic levels



Such cases were registered mainly over violations of COVID-19 norms. They were also recorded under 'Other IPC Crimes' and 'Other State Local Acts.'

The number of cases filed under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) almost halved from 6.12 lakh cases in 2020 to 3.22 lakh in 2021. Cases filed under 'Other IPC Crimes' more than halved from 10.6 lakh in 2020 to 4.9 lakh in 2021.

However, overall cognisable crimes in 2021 continued to be higher than 2019 levels (51.6 lakh cases), with COVID-related violations contributing to the bulk of the increase, despite the decline compared to 2020.

In 2021, the rate of violent crimes (per 1 lakh people) among major States was the highest in Assam – 76.6 violent crimes per 1 lakh people, followed by Delhi at 57 and West Bengal at 48.7. The rate was the lowest in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Notably, the biggest increase in the rate of violent crimes was recorded in Odisha. The State's violent crime rate increased from 38 in 2020 to 48.6 in 2021.

Delhi also recorded a significant uptick in violent crimes with the rate increasing from 49.2 in 2020 to 57 in 2021.

Gujarat govt. urges SC not to give Teesta 'special treatment'

The 13-page affidavit was filed in court by the State in response to her bail plea

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Gujarat government has told the Supreme Court that investigation *prima facie* shows that activist Teesta Setalvad played a "major role", along with other persons, in enacting a "larger conspiracy" for "oblique purposes" at the behest of a "senior leader of a political party". Ms. Setalvad is accused of fabricating evidence to frame high functionaries of the Gujarat government in a case related to the 2002 riots. The State's response, in a 13-page affidavit, was filed in response to her plea for bail.

The government urged the top court not to give Ms. Setalvad any "special treatment" by entertaining her bail plea. It said the Gujarat High Court had already posted Ms. Setalvad's appeal for bail on September 19 after issuing notice to the government. The Supreme Court should not allow her to bypass the High Court by entertaining her plea for bail. If done, this would become a dangerous precedent based on which other accused persons would circumvent the High Courts to approach the apex court directly. The State objected to her bail, saying she wielded "substantial influence" over witnesses, by using money or threats, since 2002.

No relief: The Gujarat government said that Teesta Setalvad conspired with a political leader. • VIJAY SONEJI

The State said it was only a ruse on the part of the petitioner to connect the registration of the FIR in the present case with the Supreme Court's observations in the Zakia Jafri case judgment on June 24.

"It is submitted that ocular and documentary evidence collected by the present SIT during this investigation provide ample grounds to support the allegation of larger conspiracy by the present applicant and others. The same clearly established a *prima facie* case against the petitioner for an offence which is serious enough and entails a maximum punishment for life," the government said.

The affidavit referred to witnesses statements which said Ms. Setalvad was in Ahmedabad within weeks of the riots and had meetings with several political functionaries and other co-accused. Witness statements before the Magistrate show that meetings were also held in New Delhi in which she and others had participated, the affidavit said.

The State government alleged the conspiracy was hatched during these meetings, and they made separate and independent offences.

It said "false charges and false evidence" were manufactured invoking the names of persons other than those stated by the victims in various riot cases. Witnesses were asked to file "pre-typed, pre-affirmed affidavits" before the SIT which was probing the riots cases.

The State said there was material to suggest that various criminal acts of omission and commission were done to "achieve political, financial and other material benefits by means of executing the conspiracy".

Ms. Setalvad had met with the "political leader", who was not identified in the affidavit, and received large amounts of money. "Such money was not part of any relief related corpus," the affidavit said.

Minority status plea: govt. seeks time

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government has sought more time from the Supreme Court to hold consultations on the issue of granting minority status to religious communities, including Hindus, said to be numerically low in as many as 10 States.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, in an affidavit, said comments and views of States such as Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir have not been received as on date.

"Further, comments from Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh are also awaited. In these States, the issue may have wider ramifications," the Ministry said.

The Centre said it proposed to hold meetings in the coming weeks. The government asked the court to defer the hearing scheduled for Tuesday.

Centre's shifting stands

In May, the court had expressed its displeasure over the Centre's shifting stands on the issue. On March 25, the Ministry, in an affidavit, had told the court that both the Centre and States have "concurrent power" to notify minorities. It had even said that States could also recognise a community as a minority at the individual State level.

Hardly two months later, a "superseding" affidavit was filed by the same Ministry, reversing its own position. This time, the Ministry had claimed the Centre alone was vested with the power to notify a minority community. "You seem to have taken a U-turn from your earlier stand... You people have not been able to decide what you have to do...," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul had lashed out in May.

Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, the petitioner, has sought a clear answer from the Centre on whether it was Parliament or the State Legislatures that had the power to notify a community as a 'minority'.

Judge recuses himself from Navlakha case

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, who accompanied Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on the Supreme Court, on Monday recused himself from hearing a plea by activist Gautam Navlakha to be shifted from Taloja jail to house arrest.

The CJI said the case would be listed before an appropriate Bench of which Justice Bhat is not a member. Mr. Navlakha, who is in his seventies, is an accused in the Bhima Koregaon case. He has sought a transfer to house arrest due to alleged denial of medical facilities.

Mathura court told to rule on Idgah survey

Allahabad HC seeks a decision within 4 months

STAFF REPORTER
LUCKNOW

The Allahabad High Court on Monday directed a Mathura court to decide on an application seeking a survey of the Shahi Idgah mosque, adjacent to the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple, by the Archaeological Survey of India within four months.

In search of god: Devotees outside the Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi temple in Mathura on Monday. • PTI

"Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the issue, the present petition stands disposed of finally with a direction to the concerned court to consider and decide application dated 13.05.2022 in accordance with law expeditiously and preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, but certainly after giving opportunity to the parties concerned and without granting unnecessary adjournments to either of the parties, if there is no legal impediment," the order passed by Justice Piyush Agarwal read.

The application moved in the name of Bhagwan Shri Krishna Virajman and others also demanded the appointment of a court commissioner to supervise the survey.

The plea said that within Shahi Idgah mosque, multiple signs of *swastika*, *om* and lotus were present which proved that a temple was demolished to build the existing structure.

It added that the request for a survey had been pending for long in the lower court due to multiple adjournments and delays.

Another suit is pending before the Mathura court demanding transfer of roughly 13 acres of land to Lord Krishna and the removal of the mosque. Many Hindu groups have been constantly demanding the removal of the mosque from the site and transfer of the land to the temple.

SC flays police over midnight arrest of scribe

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday slammed the Jharkhand police for knocking on the doors of a journalist in the middle of the night and dragging him out of his bedroom before arresting him on charges of extortion. "This is too much. You are dealing with a person who is a journalist. Journalists are not terrorists," a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud told Jharkhand's Additional Advocate-General Arunabh Choudhary. Mr. Choudhary said the journalist, Arup Chatterjee, was involved in blackmail and extortion.

IAF to induct first LCH squadron in October

Mi-35 copter squadron in service being sent for overhaul

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to formally raise its first unit of indigenous Light Combat Helicopters (LCHs) in Jodhpur in the first week of October coinciding with Air Force Day on October 8.

Ten LCHs will be inducted in the first batch completing one unit, a defence official said on Monday.

The IAF is still working out the total number of LCHs to be acquired, the official stated.

The IAF operates the older Russian Mi-25 and Mi-35 attack helicopters, of which one squadron has been phased out following the induction of 22 Boeing AH-64E Apache attack helicopters. The existing Mi-35 squadron is in the process of being sent for overhaul which will extend its life by many years.

The Army had already raised its first LCH squadron on June 1 in Bengaluru. As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, the unit will move to the Eastern Command along the Line of Actual Control (LCH) on completion of the raising next year.

The Army plans to acquire 95 LCHs of which seven units, each having 10 helicopters, are planned to be deployed for combat role in the mountains.

In March 2022, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) had approved procurement of 15 Limited Series Production (LSP) variants of the LCH at the cost of ₹3,887 crore along with infrastructure sanctions worth ₹377 crore. Of the 15 helicopters, 10 are for the IAF and five for the Army. The LCH is designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

The Defence Ministry had stated earlier that the LCH LSP is an indigenously designed, developed and manufactured state-of-the-art modern combat helicopter containing 45% indigenous content by value which will progressively increase to more than 55% for Series Production Version.

The LCH is the first dedicated attack helicopter of the Army, which otherwise operates 75 Rudra helicopters, the weaponised variant of the indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter. It will start receiving Apache attack helicopters from early 2024 onwards, six of which have been contracted under an estimated $800 mn deal from the U.S. It is also in talks with Boeing for the procurement of 11 additional Apache helicopters.

SC lists bail plea of Kappan for final disposal on September 9

CJI-headed Bench asks U.P. government to file counter

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday listed a plea for bail filed by Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan, who is accused under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and has spent two years in jail, for final disposal on September 9. A Bench comprising Chief Justice U.U. Lalit and Justice S. Ravindra Bhat issued notice to the State of Uttar Pradesh and directed it to file a counter to the bail plea by Mr. Kappan.

Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Dushyant Dave and advocate Haris Beeran, all for Mr. Kappan, submitted that he had been incarcerated since October 6, 2020.

Mr. Sibal argued that his client was charged under UAPA on the ground that an amount of ₹45,000 was deposited with him by the Popular Front of India (PFI) for

Siddique Kappan

"terrorist activities".

"PFI is not a terror organisation. There is no evidence on who deposited the money," Mr. Sibal argued.

The petition contended that Mr. Kappan has been incarcerated on "trumped-up charges" merely due to his zest to discharge his professional duty to report on the "infamous case" of the alleged rape and murder of a Dalit girl at Hathras in Uttar Pradesh in 2020. He was picked up *en route* to Hathras by a car on October 5, 2020.

"One was the driver, who got bail. The other two were PFI activists, who are still in custody," Mr. Sibal said.

Uttar Pradesh Additional Advocate-General Garima Parshad countered that there were eight accused in the case. Only the driver has been released on bail. One of the accused is connected to the Delhi riots and the other to the Bulandshahr riots.

"Chargesheet has been filed way back," Ms. Parshad submitted.

Mr. Sibal said the chargesheet is 5,000-page long and only a few pages had been shared with the accused.

The court asked the State government to note its arguments in detail in the counter and gave the petitioner time to file a rejoinder before the next hearing.

Rafale deal: SC rejects plea seeking fresh probe

Modi was first respondent in the case

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed advocate M.L. Sharma to withdraw his plea to summon documents from the French investigation agency, Agence Francaise Anticorruption (AFA), allegedly showing that aircraft manufacturer Dassault Aviation paid €1 million to an Indian company in connection with the 2016 India-French Rafale deal.

"Having gone through the facts and circumstances, no case is made out to exercise jurisdiction," a Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit and Justice S. Ravindra Bhat concluded in its order.

The petition had made Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the first respondent, followed by Sushen Mohan Gupta, Defsys Solutions Private Limited, Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited, the Centre, and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Letter Rogatory

During the short hearing, Mr. Sharma said his petition was filed in 2021. Time has passed, and he would focus solely on urging the court to issue a Letter Rogatory to summon the document allegedly showing the payment of the money.

"The document should be called forth. The matter is serious," Mr. Sharma submitted.

The petition had originally urged the top court to order the registration of a first information report (FIR) under various offences, including cheating, criminal breach of trust, sections under the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), and the Official Secrets Act (OSA).

It had urged the court to issue "appropriate writ direction for cancelling/quashing agreement of September 23, 2016, for the purchase of 36 Rafale jet fighters from Dassault

A Rafale taking off, during the inauguration of Aero India 2021 airshow at the Yelahanka Air Force Station.

France for being hit by fraud, corruption, and offence under the Official Secrets Act (OSA) and to recover entire advanced money with penalty and to blacklist Dassault".

Prosecute respondents

Mr. Sharma said the first four respondents named in the petition should be prosecuted.

"To prosecute them under the supervision of this court coupled with further direction to issue appropriate writ for quashing inter-government agreement of September 2016, which was the outcome of bribe/corruption," the petition had said.

"The September 2016 deal was signed by the Defence Ministers of India and France and called 'Rafale deal', in which India would pay about ₹58,000 crore or €7.8 billion for 36 off-the-shelf Dassault Rafale twin-engine fighters couple with 15% advance payment of this cost. As per the deal, India will also get spares and weaponry, including the Meteor missile, considered one of the most advanced in the world," the petition had said.

Apni Party leader joins Azad camp

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Shoiab Nabi Lone, a senior leader from the J&K Apni Party, said on Monday that he would join former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad. More party members are likely to follow suit.

Mr. Lone had joined the newly floated Apni Party in 2020. Its chairman Altaf Bukhari was the first regional leader to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi after the abrogation of special provisions under Article 370 and was seen close to the BJP.

With Mr. Azad's re-entry into J&K, a growing number of regional leaders are likely to switch sides in the coming days.

Mr. Lone, a former MLA, in a letter to the Apni Party, said he and his colleagues had decided to extend support to Mr. Azad. In Jammu, around a dozen supporters also quit and hinted at joining the Azad camp.

Rahul has no aptitude for politics: Azad

Ailing Congress needs medicines, but top leadership not interested in setting things right, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

An ailing Congress needed medicines from doctors, but the party is being treated by compounders, Ghulam Nabi Azad, senior leader who exited the party a few days ago, said in a fresh attack on his former party.

Interacting with presspersons at his Delhi residence, Mr. Azad said former party chief Rahul Gandhi did not have the aptitude or interest in politics and the top leadership was not interested in setting things right.

Hitting back, Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said Mr. Azad had been "tasked" with slandering his former party.

Meanwhile, Mr. Azad said: "I can only give my best wishes to the Congress, but the Congress needs medicines more than my wishes. And, these medicines are being provided to the Congress by compounders instead of doctors and there is a need for specialists".

Hitting out: Ghulam Nabi Azad speaks to presspersons at his residence in New Delhi on Monday. • PTI

He targeted the party's top leadership for promoting such leaders who forced people to leave rather than unite them.

"The party leadership has no time for setting things right in the party. The Congress is giving such leaders in States and promoting those who are making people quit the organisation rather than uniting them with the party," Mr. Azad noted.

Keeping up the attack on Mr. Gandhi, the veteran leader said, "It seems he does not have the aptitude for politics, as we tried to make him into a leader and made many efforts in this regard."

He denied reports that he would be joining the BJP, and reiterated that he would be floating his own party as the Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir could be announced anytime.

"The BJP cannot help me in politics in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP has a separate constituency. Those spreading such misinformation are playing into the BJP's hands and this is Congress propaganda against me," he said.

On post-poll alliance, he said there were other parties also and the new organisation could align with them too. Without naming anyone, he blamed Congress leaders who did "clerical work" and "plant stories against veterans".

Modi's speech

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emotional speech at his Rajya Sabha farewell was given a different twist by some "illiterate" Congress party members.

Mr. Modi and he had expressed emotions in the House about a tragedy and not for each other.

"I assumed that Modi *sahab* was a crude man as he did not have children or his own family and would not care but at least he has shown humanity," he said, while narrating the heart-rending story of a grenade explosion inside a bus with tourists from Gujarat.

Responding to Mr. Azad, Mr. Ramesh tweeted, "After such a long career, courtesy entirely the party, he's been tasked to slander, by giving interviews indiscriminately, Mr. Azad diminishes himself further. What's he afraid of that he's justifying his treachery every minute? He can be easily exposed but why stoop to his level."

On Friday, Mr. Azad ended his five-decade association with the party after blaming Mr. Gandhi for "demolishing" its entire consultative mechanism.

Azad's party in the works for 2 years: J&K PCC chief

He was awaiting 'high command' signal

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Launching a scathing attack on his former colleague, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool on Monday said Ghulam Nabi Azad was waiting for a signal from the "high command" to launch a new party.

"I have been close to Azad *sahib*. This process of launching a party was going on for two years. I always suggested against it. However, he was waiting for a signal from the high command, the same people who shed tears for him," Mr. Rasool said, in an oblique reference to the BJP.

He said Jammu and Kashmir had witnessed launching of parties in the past too. "So what if he launches a new party. We see this as another party like BJP or Sajad Lone's Peoples Conference." Mr. Rasool said J&K Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari was now calling Mr. Azad the 'B' team of the BJP. "They are only 'A' and 'B' teams. God knows which one is 'C' team. People of J&K can doubt any party for joining the BJP but not the Congress," he said.

Vikar Rasool

He said the party knew the worth of those leaders leaving the Congress to join Mr. Azad. "Let them face people," he said.

He said that in his political career he had never seen such "immoral politics from anyone". "Azad's resignation after 50 years of affiliation with the party is disheartening," he added.

Congress gears up for Bharat Jodo Yatra

Party meets the press in 22 cities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Stepping up the attack on the Narendra Modi government over price rise in the run-up to the September 4 *Mehangai Par Halla Bol* rally, the Congress on Wednesday held press conferences across 22 cities and reviewed the preparations for the Bharat Jodo Yatra that begins on September 7.

The press conferences and strategy meetings for the yatra are to send a signal that it is business as usual for the party that has seen the exit of one of its stalwarts, Ghulam Nabi Azad, who had squarely blamed the former party chief Rahul Gandhi for demolishing the consultation mechanism.

Rahul's post

Mr. Gandhi, without referring to anyone, wrote a Facebook post in which he claimed that he would continue to raise the biggest problems facing the country today such as unemployment, inflation and growing hatred despite personal attacks on him from the government.

"If the politics of hatred, fear and vendetta will be done by the government for raising the issues of the people, then we are ready to face everything. Make as many attacks on me for telling the truth, I will not back down," the former Congress chief said.

"People are being put under the burden of unemployment, inflation and taxation, against which we are going to start Bharat Jodo Yatra. I am not alone in this fight, every citizen of the country is with me and together we will unite India."

In the evening, general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal presided over a meeting of All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretaries, States in-charge, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) presidents and State coordinators of the Bharat Jodo Yatra not only to review the preparations but also to plan programmes for the States that are not on the main yatra route.

"The yatra is going to happen only in 10-12 States. Wherever the main yatra is not going, there should be a street-level Bharat Jodo Yatra. For example, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Assam, north-eastern States, in all such States, from October to January, respective PCC presidents and Congress Legislature Party leaders will hold the Bharat Jodo Yatra in their respective States," Mr. Venugopal said.

Calling it a historic padayatra in Independent India, he added, "This is going to be a massive and historic padayatra and that's why, I think, the BJP is very much worried about it. They will do all sorts of diversionary politics."

Mr. Venugopal said the Congress leaders were focused on making the padayatra a success and raise the issue of unemployment, economy, social polarisation and divisive politics.

Pawar hits out at PM over Bilkis case

Modi talks of respecting women but BJP is releasing perpetrators of rape, he says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar said he was astonished that for all the Prime Minister's talk on the need to respect women, perpetrators in the heinous Bilkis Bano gang-rape case were released by the BJP-ruled government in Gujarat.

Sharad Pawar

Speaking in Thane on Monday, Mr. Pawar further accused the BJP of running a "campaign" to dislodge non-BJP governments in States where they are not in power by splitting a section of MLAs among ruling parties by either unleashing Central agencies against them or luring them by offering positions of power.

"Everyone knows the trauma that Bilkis Bano went through [during the 2002 Gujarat riots] ... she was raped, several of her relatives were killed and her child was murdered. The lower court, the High Court and the Supreme Court all had decreed the sternest punishment to be meted out to the perpetrators which was imprisonment for life. Yet, the BJP government in Gujarat got these criminals released," Mr. Pawar said.

'Shamefully felicitated'

The NCP chief said he was aghast that while Prime Minister Modi, in his Independence Day speech on August 15, spoke on the importance of according dignity to women, the tormentors of Bilkis Bano were being "shamefully felicitated".

Mr. Pawar also said that the only focus of the BJP leadership appeared to be to destroy their political opponents from other parties by any underhand means possible.

"Since they cannot come to power by legitimate means, they are splitting Opposition parties and forming governments with breakaway factions," he said.

New system soon to list cases transparently: CJI

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit on Monday said regular cases pending in the Supreme Court for detailed hearing would be heard in the pre-lunch session from Tuesday to Thursday every week.

Public interest litigation (PIL) petitions will be heard post-lunch on these days. Mondays have been reserved for fresh cases. The court will use Fridays to hear miscellaneous cases, including PIL pleas.

On Monday, Chief Justice Lalit further indicated that the court was finalising a new mechanism for listing cases in the Supreme Court transparently.

"We will have a new mechanism by Thursday. Till then, we will look at it in chamber and if urgent we will list it... For mentioning, we will go back to the original practice of mentioning before the Registrar," the CJI addressed Solicitor- General Tushar Mehta, who had enquired about any changes in the mentioning practice.

Monday was heavy-duty with 15 Benches of the Supreme Court hearing 60 cases each.

There were about 91 PIL petitions.

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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
Vigilance & Security Department **e-TENDER NOTICE**

Rec. No. TTD-72021(31)/37/2020-CVSO-TTD

e-Tenders are invited for Management Services for Collection, Transportation and Handing over of pilgrims baggages / cell phones/shoes/other electronic items in Free Luggage counters / cell phone counters/shoe keeping counters at Tirumala, Alipiri, Srivari Mettu etc.,- REVERSE TENDERING PROCESS. Tender documents can be downloaded from the website: https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For details Tel: 0877-2264079, 2264555, Fax-2264554 and mail ID: cc2scvsottd@gmail.com.

Rec.No.PR4/13945/Adv.No.199/PRO/2022, Dated:29-08-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SRI VENKATESWARA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES :: TIRUPATI
TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHNAMS
(A University established by an act of Andhra Pradesh State Legislature)

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited through e-tendering process in ap-eprocurement platform (Two bid system) for the following:
a) General items i.e., Stationery, Sanitary, Computer Stationery and Linen for the period 2022-24.
b) Medical Equipment
For details log on to the website https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in http://svimstpt.ap.nic.in

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Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in
Contact No. 96461 - 17659

Tender Enquiry no.1435/O&M/PC-2344 Dated: 26-08-2022

Chief Engineer/O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of APH Baskets (Heating Elements) for 2x210 MW Stage-I & 2x250 MW Stage-II Units**, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from **26-08-2022** from 17:00 hrs. onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GHTP-49/22 76155/12/1074/2021/16632

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. CIRCLE DAUSA
File No:- 2256-69 Dated:- 23-8-2022

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for (1) Devnarayan Boys Hostels Khuri Kalan, (2) Govt. Savatri Bai Phulai Girls Hostel Chaundi, (3) Devnarayan Boys Hostels Lalsot, (4) Devnarayan Girls Hostels Sikandra, (5) Devnarayan Girls Hostels Bandikui, (6) ADJ Court Building Mahwa, (7) ADJ Residencial Type-I Building at Mahwa in District dausa under Scheme for the Budget Declaration Year 2022-23, Circle Dausa (Provision of Defect liability period is 5 Years) are invited from interested bidders upto 19.09.2022 Time 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state; and Public Works department Rajasthan website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1389.83 Lacs.

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Name of Work	UBN No.
CONSTRUCTION OF DEV NARAYAN BOYS HOSTEL KHURRI KALLAN DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06333
CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. SAVITRI BAI PHULE GIRLS HOSTEL, CHORDI DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06334
CONSTRUCTION OF DEV NARAYAN BOYS HOSTEL LALSOT DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06335
CONSTRUCTION OF DEV NARAYAN GIRLS HOSTEL SIKANDRA DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06372
CONSTRUCTION OF DEV NARAYAN GIRLS HOSTEL BANDIKUI DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06373
CONSTRUCTION OF ADJ COURT BUILDING MAHWA DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06338
CONSTRUCTION OF ADJ RESIDENCE TYPE-I BUILDING AT MAHWA DISTT. DAUSA	PWD2222WSOB06339

(Chandan Singh)
Superintending Engineer)
P.W.D., Zone, Tonk.
DIPR/C/11059

KMML *The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.*
(A Govt. Of Kerala Undertaking)
(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
Sankaramangalam, Chavara -691583. Kollam, Kerala, India
Phone: +91-476-2651215 to 2651217, Fax: +91-0476-2680101, 2686721
E-mail:contact@kmml.com , URL www.kmml.com

Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

Slno	Tender Id	Items
1	2022_KMML_504014_1	For the supply of CS and SS Pipe

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Our Products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Ferro (Metals, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge, Rutile, Zircon & Silimanite

Office of the Executive Engineer Water Resources Dn. Dausa
No.: E-Tender/2022-23 Date:-

Notice Inviting Bid 06 YEAR 2022-23

Bid for Repair Renovation and Restoration work of Sintholi Minor Irrigation Project Tehsil Lalsot n District Dausa invited from interested bidders from 10.00 AM (time) 25.08.2022 (date) to 15.09.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state, and https://water.rajasthan.gov.in Department website. The approximate value of the procurement in Rs. 282.48 Lacs

UBN WRD2223WSOB01195

Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division
Dausa
DIPR/C/11014

Office of Project Director (Housing)
Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage and Infrastructure Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking) CIN: U74999RJ2004SGC020661

Letter no: Rudsico/PD-(H)/PR/2022-23/1715 Date :- 26-08-2022

NIB Code – RDP2223A0028
UBN – RDP2223WLOB00106

On behalf of Local Self Government Department, Government of Rajasthan, tenders are invited from reputed Developers/Firms for the work " Construction of EWS/LIG Houses (G+3) at town Chhabra, District-Baran" on turnkey basis under CM Jan Awas Yojana-2015 having project cost Rs. 80,04,35000.00/-
For more details visit:- http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico & http://www.sppp.raj.nic.in

General Manager (Housing)

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Regd. Office : 3rd Floor, KHB Shopping Complex, National Games Village, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560 047
Phone: 2570 5723/24/26 Fax: 2570 7380
Email : regdoffice-hgml@ka.gov.in website: www.huttigold.co.in

NOTICE INVITING GLOBAL TENDER FOR SALE OF BULLION
(Gold & Silver - Dore Bars)

Short-term Notification No. 27/22-23 Dt: 30.08.2022
(Through Govt. of Karnataka E-Procurement portal only)
HGML/2022-23/SALEOF BULLION/01 (Two Cover System)

The Hutti Gold Mines is engaged in the business of mining and extraction of Bullion / Dore Bars (Gold & Silver) at Hutti, Raichur Dist. Karnataka. HGML is desirous to select individuals / firms / companies / others to sell its product i.e. Bullion for a period of one year based on lowest **competitive discount rate** to the gold price as per the terms and conditions of the tender document.

The interested bidders may participate through e-portal. The tender is a two cover system comprising of Part-I as Technical Bid (Bid 'A' & Bid 'B') and Part-II as Financial (% Discount Rate) Bid. The Part-II Bid Financial (% Discount Rate) Bid has to be uploaded in the Dash Board in the e-portal. The tender forms have to be submitted through e-portal of Govt. of Karnataka i.e. **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

The calendar of events of this tender are as under:

Pre-bid virtual meeting (Zoom): **05.09.2022 (12:00 hrs).** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **14.09.2022 (17:00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **17.09.2022 (12:00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of Financial bid: **20.09.2022 (11:00 hrs).**

Sd/- **Dy.General Manager (Materials)**

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR MASTER CONCESSION OF NON AERONAUTICAL CONCESSIONS AT RGI AIRPORT

GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) invites interested parties to participate in the competitive bidding process for Master Concession of Non-Aeronautical Concessions at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad.

For details, visit the website:
(https://www.hyderabad.aero/tenders.aspx)
for downloading the application form.

For
GHIAL - Bid Manager

HM/47/PREM ASSOCIATES

Coal India Limited
(A Maharatna Company)

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in** respective Subsidiary Company. CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in**. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**"

KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Transport Bhavan, Fort P.O, Thiruvananthapuram–695023
Expression of Interest (EoI)

KSRTC, one of the largest fleet owners of the country, intends to invite Expression of Interest for the development, deployment and maintenance of Electric Vehicle Charging Software for KSRTC-SWIFT Buses. The documents may be downloaded from the e-tender portal: **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Pre-bid meeting of registered bidders – 12.00 pm on 05.09.2022 (Online)
For the detailed visit: **www.keralartc.com**
e-mail : **edpc.krtc@kerala.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chairman & Managing Director
29.08.2022

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Circle Bhilwara

No./Acctt./ 2022/3537 Dt. 22.08.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID No. 03/2022-23

NIB Code WRD2223A0308

Renovation of Canal System of Modia Mahadev and Sadi MIP Tehsil and District Chittorgarh under Water Resources Circle Bhilwara are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00PM Date. 14-09-2022. Other particulars of the bid may visited on the procurement portal sppp.raj.nic.in, eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and Water Resources Departmental website.

UBN No. WRD2223WLOB01193

Superintending Engineer
Water Resources Circle Bhilwara
DIPR/C/10964

IN BRIEF

HC hears PIL plea on AAI relaxing restrictions

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday asked why the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) decision to relax height restrictions for buildings around the proposed Navi Mumbai International Airport was illegal and in violation of law. A Division Bench was hearing a PIL petition filed by advocate Yeshwant Shenoy pointing out that AAI has given illegal height clearance for about 200 buildings in violation of their own regulations as well as the regulations of Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

NEET-PG counselling after NMC adds seats

NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Monday deferred the NEET-PG counselling for admission to postgraduate medical courses, which was scheduled to begin from September 1, to allow the National Medical Commission to complete the process of adding new seats for the benefit of the candidates. Though the Ministry has not announced the revised schedule, official sources said the counselling is likely to begin in the third week of September. Also, regulatory inspections in some medical colleges are underway, sources said.

Assam to submit report on custodial death

GUWAHATI

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has sought an action taken report from the police in eastern Assam's Sivasagar district regarding the custodial death of a Naga tribal man on August 21. The directive followed a complaint by Amal Kanti Chakma of Indigenous Lawyers' Association of India (ILAI). E. Henveih Phom,35, of Anaki-C village in Mokokchung, died under suspicious circumstances while in custody, the complainant said.

Chinese troops stop graziers in Ladakh

The incident in Demchok did not lead to a face-off between the two forces, says government official

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Indian graziers were stopped by the Chinese Army at Demchok in Ladakh on August 21, a senior government official said.

According to the official, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) objected to the presence of graziers within India's perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) near Saddle Pass at CNN junction in Demchok. The incident was followed by a couple of meetings between the commanders of the Indian Army and the Chinese PLA to resolve the issue. The graziers have been frequenting the area and there was a minor scuffle in 2019 also, said the official.

"This time when the graziers went with the livestock, the Chinese objected that this was their territory," the official said. A defence source said there was no face-off between the two Armies. "It was a routine interaction between local commanders on the ground level to resolve issues at the local level to prevent escalation and maintain peace and tranquillity on the LAC," the source said.

Tough stand: Many sectors of Demchok have become no-patrolling zones after the Galwan incident.

Another official added that India and China have been engaged in eyeball-to-eyeball positions in the area since April 2020. Many areas in the sector have become "no patrolling zones" post-Galwan incident on June 15, 2020, when 20 Indian soldiers were killed in clashes with the Chinese PLA.

In 2018, China pitched tents metres away from the Charding Nilung Nallah in Demchok or the CNN junction.

Precarious position

Indian and Chinese troops are positioned in close proximity at multiple locations along the undefined LAC in Eastern Ladakh for more than two years. While several rounds of talks at the diplomatic and military level have eased the stand-off at a few points turning the areas into no-patrolling zones, there are others where the build-up continues.

India and China have held 16 rounds of meetings of Senior Commanders so far. Both sides failed to achieve a breakthrough for disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 in the Hot Springs area. With disengagement completed on the north and south bank of Pangong Tso, a phased disengagement is yet to take place in other friction areas in Eastern Ladakh, including Depsang and Demchok sectors.

In 2016, there was a standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in the Demchok area as PLA objected to the construction of an irrigation canal under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) scheme.

Reacting to the report, first published in the *The Hindu*, Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, said in a tweet that the Government of India is in complete denial while "China challenges our territorial sovereignty". "The Modi government must recognise the Chinese challenge and our lands and rights are restored," Mr. Kharge said.

Ranveer Singh submits statement in nudity case

Will be called again if needed: police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Mumbai Police on Monday recorded the statement of actor Ranveer Singh over a first information report (FIR) registered against him for posting his nude photographs on his social media account.

Mr. Singh appeared before the investigating officer around 7 a.m. on Monday, and left the police station by 9.30 a.m. A police official said: "He will be called again, if required."

The FIR was registered against him at the Chembur police station on July 26 by Lalit Tekchandani, an office bearer of a non-governmental organisation, under Sections 292 (sale of obscene books, etc), 293 (sale of obscene objects to young people) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67A of the Information Technology Act, which pertains to publication of any material that contains sexually explicit act or conduct.

Ranveer Singh

The actor did a photoshoot for a magazine in which he posed completely nude and posted those pictures on his Instagram account.

Pharma body's new apps to ease business operations

Raising consumer complaints will also be made easier

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is working more as a facilitator and not just as a regulator, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said at its silver jubilee celebrations on Monday.

The Minister commended Indian firms for continuously producing quality products.

Mr. Mandaviya urged them to produce medicines and conduct innovative research with the goal of ensuring good health and well-being of the people, and not only for commercial purposes.

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App solutions

At the inaugural session of the event, the Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0 (IPDMS 2.0) and Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 mobile applications were launched.

IPDMS 2.0 is an integrated, responsive, cloud-based application developed by the NPPA with technical support from the Centre for Advance Computing (C-DAC).

The system is envisaged to optimise synergies in operations to promote the government's thrust on "ease of doing business".

It will provide a single window for submissions of various forms as mandated under the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 2013.

Pharma Sahi Daam 2.0 app, meanwhile, will have updated features such as speech recognition, availability in Hindi and English, share button and medicine bookmarking.

This version of Pharma Sahi Daam also has a facility for launching complaints by consumers through the consumer complaint-handling module. The app will be available in both iOS and Android versions.

U.K. reiterates position on Falkland

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Days after India extended support to Argentina's campaign to restart international negotiation on the Falklands territorial issue in the southern Atlantic Ocean, a British official on Monday said there was "no doubt" about the U.K.'s sovereignty over the islands.

A spokesperson of the British High Commission told *The Hindu* that the citizens of the islands had conveyed that they did not wish to hold further discussion on sovereignty.

"The United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands...and surrounding maritime areas, nor about the principle and the right of the Falkland Islanders to self-determination as enshrined in the UN Charter," the spokesperson said.

Furore in Delhi Assembly over graft allegations against L-G

AAP, BJP MLAs hold overnight protests against each other

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Assembly witnessed stormy scenes on Monday, with the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) accusing Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena of being allegedly involved in a ₹1,400-crore scam during his term as Chairman of the Khadi Commission in 2016.

The House, which erupted in slogans against the L-G after a discussion on a confidence motion tabled by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, will reconvene on Tuesday.

Both AAP and BJP legislators were taking part in overnight protests on the Assembly premises. While the AAP is seeking Mr. Saxena's resignation, the BJP has sought the dismissal of Excise and Education Minister Manish Sisodia, who is mired in allegations of corruption.

Committed effort: AAP MLAs keeping up their protest against the Lt Governor on Monday evening. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The AAP accused Mr. Saxena of having "pressured" cashiers of Khadi stores to convert "blank money into white" following the demonetisation in 2016. The party said it would meet the CBI Director with the demand for an impartial probe.

The BJP MLAs, who were marshalled out soon after the proceedings began in the House, termed the AAP government "dictatorial".

Tribe categorisation work delays benefits under SEED

Exercise on since its launch in February to include 1,400 communities under SC, ST and OBC for scheme benefits

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Till 8 p.m. on Monday, the Union Social Justice Ministry received 402 applications online from across the country for benefits under the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of Denotified, Nomadic, Semi-nomadic (SEED) Tribes. More than 10 crore Indians from 1,400 communities belong to these groups, show the latest estimates available with the government.

None of the applications received so far on the SEED's online portal has been approved yet. Multiple officials say the exercise to categorise all 1,400 communities under the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes is holding up the implementation of the scheme, unveiled in February by Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar.

Welfare options

The scheme aims to provide free competitive exam coaching to students, health insurance and financial assistance for housing and uplift clusters of these communities through livelihood initiatives. The Ministry has been allocated ₹200 crore for this scheme to be spent over five financial years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

At the time of the launch, the Ministry announced that the scheme would be implemented through an online portal that would issue a unique ID to each applicant to apply and track the status of the application online.

Of the applications received on the portal so far, 17 are for free coaching, 111 for health insurance, 222 for housing, and 52 for livelihood assistance, the Ministry said.

The applications are still being reviewed at the State and district levels, officials said.

While the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) and Tribal Research Institutes are studying 267 uncategorised communities to classify them under SC, ST, or OBC, inconsistencies have been hindering the processing of SEED applications. The categorisation of these communities by the Idate Commission left room for inaccuracies as outlined by the commission in its 2018 report.

For instance, some communities such as the Banjara were under the SC list in Delhi, the ST list in Rajasthan and the OBC list in Uttar Pradesh.

The commission said some communities were under different lists in different districts even within a State.

NITI Aayog officials monitoring the exercise told *The Hindu*, "The AnSI is expected to submit reports on all the communities by October."

Government officials said the categorisation of DNTs, NTs and SNTs is essential for the implementation of SEED because there is no schedule in the Constitution providing for their reservation. "So, we are asking State governments to uniformly categorise these communities under SC, ST, or OBC lists and then provide a sub-categorisation in their certificates, declaring them as either DNT, NT, or SNT," an official said.

UGC to float single portal for plaints

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The University Grants Commission will soon launch a single window for submitting grievances by merging the different portals and helplines that exist currently, with the aim to fast-track the resolution of such complaints and monitor institutes that are slow in responding to them.

The portal, "UGC e-samadhan", will be available 24x7. It will also provide a toll- free number (1800-1110656) to lodge complaints.

Existing platforms such as the Students Grievance Portal, and the PG Portal as well as different helplines such as the COVID-19 Helpline, Scholarship Helpline, and Saksham Helpline will be merged with the new portal.

"Because of non-availability of a single-window system, the stakeholders were lodging multiple complaints at various places due to which the redressal mechanism was at a slow pace," UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar said.

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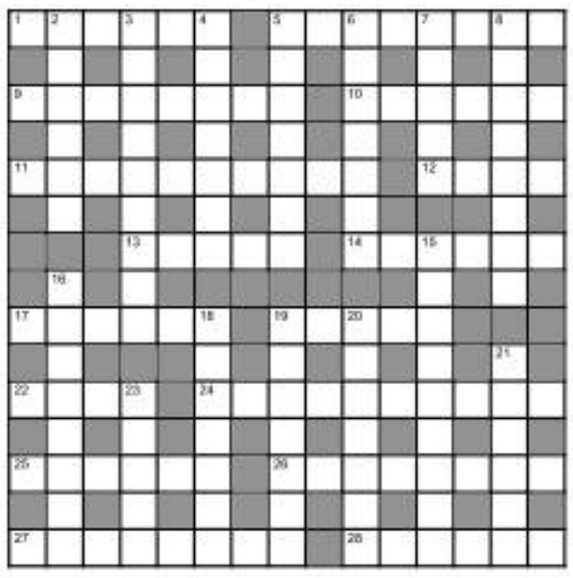

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1 Periodically I take food after 10 (6)
5 Native faked a rupee note without initial technical expertise (8)
9 No tax cost (4-4)
10 Daughter hugged by young man without current attachments (3-3)
11 Insincerity in border duty (3,7)
12 Intrinsically, male actors' singing voice (4)
13 William Billings camouflages metrical feet (5)
14 Number hungry Siemens fired (6)
17 Consider resume (6)
19 It measures current power in kiss (5)
22 Lean bird bites first lady (4)
24 Holder of 23 is in favour of Pierrot possibly (10)
25 Parasite set off around faction (6)
26 Unruly old boy almost shot in fit of anger (3,5)
27 A couple of pages [1 and 10] about to conclude in the supplement (8)
28 Instrument of resistance fitted with U-boat at sea (6)

Down

2 Filthy rich get buried oddly in gold flower (6)
3 It could be small or large part of main test in Edgbaston (9)
4 The vibrator within heard rumours to some extent (7)
5 They are discharged from duties in ripe time perhaps rejecting pension primarily (7)
6 Setter boycotted illegal agreement for substance (7)
7 Relief work restored in stages (5)
8 Internally big gun countries interpret this clue (8)
15 Where will you find pregnant dipsomaniac? (2,3,4)
16 Orders to resolve dispute involving pairs essentially (6,2)
18 Player with high ranking in best pace misses first place (3,4)
19 Weak fight – It collects money for the needy (4,3)
20 Gemstone is fresh, about one-day old (7)
21 Party in bustling souk causes disease (6)
23 Maybe Mr. Right? (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Solution to puzzle 13647

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Making of a jnani

How does one become a true jnani, is a very relevant inquiry for all spiritual aspirants, says Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita, pointed out Sri R. Krishnamurthy Sastrigal in a discourse. The teaching focuses on the difficulties and challenges in this path to wisdom.

The main reason is the deluding influence of Maya on all beings that thwarts their attempts to overcome their "deha vasana,' the natural tendency to think that one's real self is the sarira rather than the indwelling atma. This is strong in all of us. Unless the vision of one's identity with the self is established firmly in the consciousness, one is nowhere near attaining jnana. This state of jnana comes in stages to one who strives with determination and Krishna Himself says that maybe after many births of striving perhaps one may attain it. In the Brahma jnana experience, Brahman is realised as the very sustaining essence in each and every object of this entire creation. It also is the culmination of bhakti and jnana. The mental ability to dissociate the self from the sarira comes with practice and by means of persistent analyses of the self's role in one's daily routine.

One way taught by the Upanishads is to understand that we are all subject to the three states of being, namely waking, jagruth, sleep, swapna and deep sleep, susupta avastas. There is the fourth state, turiya which is realisation. One can see that the self is not a part of these states. It remains a witness and is unaffected by all these. The analogy of the Self as the effulgent light is used to illustrate this truth. The light, inherently devoid of any colour appears as red, blue or green when seen through coloured glass. Some kind of mental effort is needed to understand the true nature of what is perceived as coloured light is actually an appearance.

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German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called on Monday for a growing European Union to agree on a series of changes that would help it overcome internal divisions and stand up to external rivals such as Russia and China.

In a speech at Charles University in Prague, Mr. Scholz said the EU must make itself "fit" for future enlargement from 27 to 30 – or even 36 – nations by taking more decisions by majority vote, rather than requiring unanimity on all issues.

"We have to remember that swearing allegiance to the principle of unanimity only works for as long as the pressure to act is low," Mr. Scholz said, arguing that Russia's invasion of Ukraine was a wake-up call for the EU to change the way it takes decisions.

Mr. Scholz suggested allowing majority decisions on pressing issues such as sanctions or human rights policy.

He also backed calls to reconsider the composition of the European Parliament, which currently has 751 deputies, to prevent it becoming "bloated" through future expansion.

Russia 'threat'

In his address, Mr. Scholz repeatedly cited the threat posed to the EU by Russia under its authoritarian President, warning that "any disunity among us, any weakness, is grist to (Vladimir) Putin's mill."

"We must close ranks, resolve old conflicts and find new solutions," he said, noting that the bloc needs to overcome long-running tensions among its members on the issues of migration and fiscal policy.

Sadr's followers storm Iraq govt. palace

The Shia cleric announces that he would quit politics as the country faces a deepening political crisis

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BAGHDAD

An influential Shia cleric announced on Monday he would resign from Iraqi politics, prompting hundreds of his angry followers to storm the government palace and sparking clashes with security forces in which at least 12 protesters were killed.

Iraq's government has been deadlocked since cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's party won the largest share of seats in October parliamentary elections but not enough to secure a majority government. He refused to negotiate with Iran-backed Shia rivals to arrive at a consensus.

In July, his supporters broke into the Parliament to deter al-Sadr's rivals from forming a government and have been staging a sit-in outside the building for over four weeks. His bloc has also resigned from Parliament.

In turmoil: Supporters of Moqtada Sadr gather inside the Republican Palace in Baghdad's Green Zone on Monday. • AFP

This is not the first time Mr. al-Sadr, who has called for early elections and the dissolution of Parliament, has announced his retirement from politics – and many dismissed the latest move as another bluff to gain leverage against his rivals. The cleric has used the tactic on previous occasions when political developments did not go his way.

But many are concerned that it's a risky gambit and are worried how it will impact Iraq's political climate.

On Monday, hundreds pulled down the cement barriers outside the Republican Palace with ropes and breached the palace gates. Many rushed into the lavish salons and marbled halls of the palace, a key meeting place for Iraqi heads of state and foreign dignitaries.

Iraq's military swiftly announced a city-wide curfew on Monday.

Medics told AFP that 12 Sadr supporters had been shot dead and 270 others protesters were hurt – some with bullet wounds and others suffering tear gas inhalation. Earlier, witnesses said that Sadr loyalists and supporters of a rival bloc had exchanged fire.

Protests also broke out in the Shia-majority southern provinces, with Mr. al-Sadr's supporters burning tires and blocking roads in Basra.

The cleric announced his withdrawal from politics in a tweet, and ordered the closure of his party offices. Religious and cultural institutions will remain open.

Mr. Al-Sadr's decision on Monday appeared to be a reaction to the retirement of Shia spiritual leader Ayatollah Kadhim al-Haeri, who counts many of Mr. al-Sadr's supporters as followers. The previous day, Mr. al-Haeri announced he would be stepping down as a religious authority and called on his followers to throw their allegiance behind Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, rather than the Shia spiritual centre in Iraq's holy city of Najaf.

The move was a blow to Mr. al-Sadr.

(With AFP inputs)

Launch scrubbed: NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) rocket at Cape Canaveral, Florida. • REUTERS

Snag postpones NASA moon rocket launch

It's part of moon-to-Mars Artemis mission

REUTERS
CAPE CANAVERAL

An engine problem forced NASA on Monday to postpone for at least four days the launch of its colossal next-generation rocketship on a long-awaited debut test flight around the moon and back 50 years after Apollo's last lunar mission.

The countdown was halted about 40 minutes before launch time as the 32-story-tall, two-stage Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and its Orion crew capsule awaited liftoff from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The U.S. space agency cited a problem on one of the rocket's main engines, after launch teams had begun filling its core fuel tanks with super-cooled liquid oxygen and hydrogen propellants. Mission engineers struggled to properly condition that engine to the right temperature for launch, the agency said.

Next launch dates

NASA did not give a new launch date but said its first available backup launch opportunity was set for Friday, September 2.

Whether the agency sticks with that date depends on how quickly engineers can resolve the engine issue. The subsequent launch opportunity is Monday, September 5.

The maiden journey of the SLS-Orion marks the kickoff of NASA's highly vaunted moon-to-Mars Artemis programme, the successor to the Apollo lunar missions of the 1960s and '70s.

The voyage is intended to put the 5.75-million-pound vehicle through its paces in a rigorous demonstration flight, pushing its design limits, before NASA deems it reliable enough to carry astronauts in a subsequent flight targeted for 2024.

Billed as the most powerful, complex rocket in the world, the SLS represents the biggest new vertical launch system the U.S. space agency has built since the Saturn V rocket flown during Apollo, which grew out of the U.S.-Soviet space race of the Cold War era.

If the first two Artemis missions succeed, NASA is aiming to land astronauts back on the moon, including the first woman to set foot on the lunar surface, as early as 2025, though many experts believe that time frame is too ambitious. The last humans to walk on the moon were the team of Apollo 17 in 1972.

IAEA team heads to Zaporizhzhia plant

It will assess 'functionality of safety and security systems' of the nuclear facility

REUTERS
KYIV

A team from the UN nuclear watchdog headed on Monday to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, the agency's chief said, as Russia and Ukraine traded accusations of shelling in its vicinity, fuelling fears of a radiation disaster.

Captured by Russian troops in March but run by Ukrainian staff, Zaporizhzhia has been a hotspot in a conflict that has settled into a war of attrition fought mainly in Ukraine's east and south six months after Russia launched its invasion.

"We must protect the safety and security of Ukraine's and Europe's biggest nuclear facility," Rafael Grossi, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said in a post on Twitter.

A team of IAEA inspectors he is leading will reach the plant on the Dnipro river near frontlines in southern Ukraine this week, Mr. Grossi said, without specifying the day of their arrival.

The IAEA tweeted separately that the mission would assess physical damage, evaluate the conditions in which staff are working at the plant and "determine functionality of safety & security systems". It would also "perform urgent safeguards activities", a reference to keeping track of nuclear material.

A top Russian diplomat said Moscow welcomes the IAEA mission, and a Moscow-installed official in Russian-occupied Ukraine said authorities would ensure the safety of the UN nuclear inspectors, Russian news agencies reported.

Rafael Grossi

The UN and Ukraine have called for a withdrawal of military equipment and personnel from the nuclear complex, Europe's largest, to ensure it is not a target.

The two sides have for days exchanged accusations of courting disaster with their attacks.

Fears of nuclear accident

With fears mounting of a nuclear accident in a country still haunted by the 1986 Chornobyl disaster, Zaporizhzhia authorities are handing out iodine tablets and teaching residents how to use them in case of a radiation leak.

Russian forces fired at Enerhodar, the Dnipro riverside town where the plant is located, the chief of staff of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, said on Sunday on Telegram channel alongside a video of firefighters dousing burning cars.

No atomic deal if probe goes on, says Raisi

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TEHRAN

The Iranian President on Monday said that reviving a 2015 nuclear deal with world powers would be futile unless the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ends its probe of undeclared sites in the country. Ebrahim Raisi's remarks came as Tehran reviews the U.S. response to its suggestions on a "final" text prepared by EU.

Iran wants to sort out the issue before any revived deal is implemented, but U.S. State Department spokesman Vedant Patel on Thursday said "we do not believe there should be any conditionality" between the deal and undeclared sites.

Pakistan floods leave a trail of destruction

Monsoon toll rises to 1,136, say officials

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SUKKUR

Nearly a half million people crowded into camps after losing their homes in widespread flooding across Pakistan following unprecedented monsoon rains since mid-June that killed 1,136 people.

The rains stopped over two days ago, and floods in some areas were receding. But Pakistanis in many parts of the country were still wading through waters that filled their homes or covered their town's streets as they struggled with how to deal with the damage.

In one of the worst single incidents of the flooding, at least 11 people were killed on Monday when a boat that volunteer rescuers were using to evacuate two dozen people capsized in the flood-swollen waters of the Indus river near the southern city of Bilawal Pur, media reported. An unknown number were still missing from the capsizing.

Climate Minister Sherry Rehman and meteorologists said that new monsoons were expected in September. Pakistan is accustomed to monsoon rains and flooding, Ms. Rehman said, but not like this. "What we saw recently in the last eight weeks is unrelenting cascades of torrential rain that no monsoon has ever brought with it ever before," she said.

The heavy rains are the latest in a series of catastrophes that Ms. Rehman said are exacerbated by climate change.

Palestinian toll mounts as Israel steps up raids

'At least 85 Palestinians killed this year'

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TUBAS

At least 85 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank this year as Israeli forces have carried out nightly raids in cities, towns and villages, making it the deadliest in the occupied territory since 2016.

The military says the vast majority were militants or stone-throwers who endangered the soldiers. The tally, from the Palestinian Health Ministry, includes Palestinians who carried out deadly attacks inside Israel.

But it also includes several civilians, including a veteran journalist and a lawyer who apparently drove unwittingly into a battle zone, as well as local youths who took to the streets in response to the invasion of their neighbourhoods.

The length and frequency of the raids has pulled into focus Israel's tactics in the West Bank, where nearly 3 million Palestinians live under a decades-long occupation and Palestinians view the military's presence as a humiliation and a threat.

Israeli troops have regularly operated across the West Bank since Israel captured the territory in 1967.

Israel says it is dismantling militant networks that threaten its citizens, and that it makes every effort to avoid harming civilians.

The Palestinian Health Ministry has reported 85 Palestinians killed by Israeli security forces in the occupied West Bank and annexed east Jerusalem since the start of the year.

Bolsonaro, Lula trade jabs in debate

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SAO PAULO

The far-right President Jair Bolsonaro accused leftist rival Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of massive corruption – and drew accusations of "destroying Brazil" in return – as they faced off in their first election debate.

Mr. Bolsonaro called Mr. Lula a "thief", pummeling the 76-year-old ex-President over the massive "Car Wash" corruption scandal centered on state-run oil giant Petrobras. The probe landed Mr. Lula in prison from 2018 to 2019.

Mr. Lula fired back that Bolsonaro was spreading "untruths". "This country has been destroyed," Mr. Lula said, attacking Mr. Bolsonaro over increased poverty and hunger, soaring prices and the destruction of Amazon rainforest.

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	29-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,973	-1.46
US Dollar	79.91	-0.09
Gold	51,385	-1.24
Brent oil	103.96	----

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	836.40	-1.30
Apollo Hosp	4251.50	36.25
Asian Paints	3343.25	19.70
Axis Bank	728.70	-16.20
Bajaj Auto	4030.05	-24.35
Bajaj Finserv	16086.40	-198.60
Bajaj Finance	6964.35	-97.75
Bharti Airtel	720.60	-10.25
BPCL	326.20	-2.90
Britannia Ind	3707.65	57.50
Cipla	1017.30	-3.50
Coal India	230.60	0.65
Divis Lab	3582.45	-5.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4210.15	-13.15
Eicher Motors	3291.60	-61.50
Grasim Ind	1664.05	-11.20
HCL Tech	917.50	-28.15
HDFC	2366.00	-30.70
HDFC Bank	1439.40	-25.70
HDFC Life	560.95	-5.95
Hero MotoCorp	2827.05	0.30
Hindalco	430.20	-9.85
Hind Unilever	2575.80	4.25
ICICI Bank	855.85	-15.00
Indusind Bank	1059.20	-10.55
Infosys	1461.75	-59.80
ITC	313.55	0.65
JSW Steel	649.60	-17.40
Kotak Bank	1850.00	-52.05
L&T	1881.50	-23.90
M&M	1276.80	2.15
Maruti Suzuki	8834.20	113.60
Nestle India Ltd.	19646.35	118.25
NTPC	160.95	-2.45
ONGC	135.90	-0.75
PowerGrid Corp	227.05	-3.40
Reliance Ind	2597.65	-20.35
SBI Life	1298.20	-15.50
State Bank	514.85	-8.95
Shree Cement	21895.80	-202.10
Sun Pharma	879.25	-0.90
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	806.15	4.20
Tata Motors	453.35	-11.70
Tata Steel	104.85	-2.50
TCS	3132.55	-89.65
Tech Mahindra	1035.55	-50.00
Titan	2531.70	-1.20
UltraTech Cement	6506.30	-10.85
UPL	750.45	-9.55
Wipro	404.35	-12.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 29

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.76	80.08
Euro	79.53	79.86
British Pound	93.19	93.61
Japanese Yen (100)	57.54	57.77
Chinese Yuan	11.53	11.58
Swiss Franc	82.34	82.68
Singapore Dollar	57.06	57.30
Canadian Dollar	61.08	61.33
Malaysian Ringitt	17.76	17.85
Australian Dollar	54.76	54.98

Source: Indian Bank

'RIL to spend ₹3.5 lakh cr. on expansion'

Chairman Ambani says company to invest ₹2 lakh crore on rapid, countrywide roll-out of 5G services

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) plans to invest ₹3.5 lakh crore to scale up its businesses, including ₹2 lakh crore on the rapid roll-out of 5G telecom services across India, chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani told shareholders on Monday.

RIL's Jio telecom unit, which cornered almost half of all the airwaves sold at the government's recent auction of wireless spectrum for introducing 5G services with bids amounting to more than ₹88,000 crore, plans to start rolling out its 5G services in October. Mr. Ambani also said the company was working with Google to introduce an "ultra-affordable" 5G smartphone, without providing any further details.

Two in one: Jio Platforms unveiled a service that allows users to shop from JioMart within their WhatsApp chat. •REUTERS

"To take the 5G mass market, a sub-$100 phone is imperative and Jio is rightly positioned to bring 5G to the masses," said Neil Shah, vice president of research at Counterpoint.

Announcing the introduction of JioAirFiber, which would allow customers to enjoy fibre-like data speeds over the air without any wires, he said Jio had developed a JioAirFiber Home Gateway, a wireless, simple, single-device solution to have a Wi-Fi hotspot in a home that would be connected to ultra-high-speed Internet using 5G.

"With single device JioAirFiber, it will be really easy to quickly connect any home or office to Gigabit-speed Internet. With the simplicity of JioAirFiber, hundreds of millions of homes and offices can be connected to ultra-high-speed broadband in a very short period. With it, India can rank among the top-10 nations, even for fixed broadband," he said.

Jio's ambitious 5G plans are in line with the company's broad strategy that saw it disrupt the telecom market with low-price data plans that triggered a price war in 2016, forcing rivals including Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea to cut their tariffs or risk losing market share.

Mr. Ambani also said RIL would spend ₹75,000 crore for expanding its Oil to Chemicals (O2C) capacities and reiterated plans to invest ₹75,000 crore in the New Energy business.

FMCG foray

Isha Ambani, director, Reliance Retail Ventures announced that this year, Reliance Retail would enter fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) business, with an objective to 'develop and deliver high quality, affordable products.

She also announced the roll-out of a WhatsApp chat service for placing orders at JioMart. Meta, a Facebook group company and Jio Platforms on Monday unveiled the first-ever end-to-end shopping experience on WhatsApp, where consumers can shop from JioMart within their WhatsApp chat.

(With Reuters inputs)

Sensex, rupee slide on Fed's hawkish tone

Sensex slips 1.5%, rupee loses 7 paise

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Sell-off in domestic equities, rising global crude prices hit sentiment in the forex market

Benchmark equity indices fell more than 1% each on Monday in sync with weak global markets and a sharp fall in technology stocks.

The rupee depreciated 7 paise to 79.91 against the U.S. dollar due to risk aversion in the global markets and a strong greenback overseas after hawkish comments from the U.S. Federal Reserve.

A massive sell-off in the domestic equities and rising global crude prices also weakened sentiment in the forex market, experts said.

However, suspected RBI intervention restricted the rupee's fall, they added.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened sharply lower at 80.10 and fell to its all-time low of 80.15 against the dollar in intra-day trade.

The BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 861.25 points, or 1.46%, to 57,972.62. Similarly, the NSE Nifty too fell 246 points, or 1.4%, to 17,312.90 points.

"Jerome Powell's hawkish tone during the Jackson Hole symposium pointed towards a stricter rate hike while investors were expecting a milder policy action post the release of the softer July inflation reading," said Vinod Nair, head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

RBI mulls fraud registry to help check banking frauds

Move aimed at preventing repeat offences, says ED Sharma

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The Reserve Bank is considering setting up a fraud registry to create a database of fraudulent websites, phones and various modus operandi used for digital fraud.

Such a database would help prevent fraudsters from repeating the offence as the websites or phone numbers would be blacklisted, RBI executive director Anil Kumar Sharma said on Monday.

Anil Kumar Sharma

"There is no definite timeline for setting up of the fraud registry," he said.

"At present, we are talking to different stakeholders including different departments like payments and settlement and supervision of RBI," Mr. Sharma added.

Payment system participants would be provided access to this registry for near-real time fraud monitoring. The aggregated fraud data would be published to educate customers on emerging risks.

Mr. Sharma also said that the customers of the Credit Investment Company (CIC) would come under the Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), 2021.

Sharing details of complaints filed under the Ombudsman Scheme, he said 4.18 lakh complaints were received during 2021-22 as against 3.82 lakh in the previous year.

As many as 97.9% cases were cleared last financial year compared with 96.5% in the previous year.

Diesel sales continue to see loss: BPCL

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A moderation in international oil prices has helped Indian fuel retailers to break even on petrol and domestic cooking gas LPG but they continue to lose money on diesel, the most-used fuel in the country.

"Next month onwards there will be no losses on LPG. We don't have any losses on (petrol) today," said BPCL CMD Arun Kumar Singh, adding that there are, however, some losses on diesel. IOC, BPCL and HPCL are supposed to revise retail prices of petrol and diesel daily in line with costs. But they froze rates for a record 137 days beginning November 4, 2021.

Adani, RRPR seek SEBI clarity on NDTV warrant conversion

Media group promoters say deal can't go ahead sans nod

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

NDTV promoter entity RRPR Holding Private Ltd. and Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) subsidiary VCPL have written to markets regulator SEBI seeking clarification on whether any regulatory restrictions prohibit the news network's founders from transferring shares amounting to a majority stake to Adani Enterprises.

"VCPL has received a reply on behalf of RRPR whereby RRPR has reiterated that Mr. Prannoy Roy and Mrs. Radhika Roy [the network's founders] are prohibited by SEBI, vide its order dated November 27, 2020, from accessing the securities market for a period of two years," AEL said in a filing.

"It further states that since SEBI alone can determine whether the restrictions contained in the SEBI order apply to the transaction, RRPR has addressed a letter dated August 28 to the SEBI to determine if the warrants can be converted into equity shares ahead of the November 26 deadline laid out in the SEBI order, and that any further action to be taken, can only be based on the SEBI response."

"VCPL has also written a letter dated August 29 to SEBI, requesting SEBI to help provide clarity... and avoid confusion in the minds of public shareholders of NDTV that has arisen due to the stand taken by RRPR and issue appropriate response to RRPR clarifying that the SEBI order does not restrain RRPR from allotting shares to VCPL," as per the filing.

On August 23, the Adani Group said it was acquiring a 29.18% stake in NDTV via the acquisition of VCPL, which came to hold 99.99% in RRPR Holding through conversion of warrants into equity. NDTV's promoters have said the deal cannot go ahead without SEBI's nod.

IN BRIEF

Mercedes-Benz India names Iyer as MD & CEO

MUMBAI

Mercedes-Benz India said head of sales and marketing Santosh Iyer (46) will take over as the MD & CEO from January 1. He would be the first Indian to be given this role in the German firm. He would replace Martin Schwenk who has been named CEO of Thailand unit.

L&T Tech Services bags 5-year deal from BMW

MUMBAI

L&T Technology Services has bagged a multi-million-dollar deal from BMW Group for the carmaker's hybrid vehicles, as per a statement. The firm,as part of the five-year deal, will provide high-end engineering services for infotainment consoles targeted at BMW's hybrid vehicles. PTI

Grasim pegs FY23 capex at ₹3,117 crore

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NEW DELHI

Grasim Industries, the flagship company of Aditya Birla Group, would invest ₹3,117 crore in its existing businesses in FY23, its Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said on Monday.

This investment would be in capacity creation and modernisation of plants.

"For FY23, your company has earmarked ₹3,117 crore for the existing lines of businesses, excluding the paints and B2B e-commerce business," he said while addressing shareholders. In FY22, Grasim spent ₹1,958 crore in capex, he added. Consolidated revenue for the year rose 25% to ₹95,701 crore.

ALL working on alternate fuel vehicles: Hinduja

'Switch to introduce e-LCV in 6 months'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) is working towards unveiling the whole range of alternate-fuel products in 18-24 months, said Dheeraj Hinduja, executive chairman.

"We are working on alternate fuels and the products (LNG, CNG, hydrogen and electric through our subsidiary Switch) will be out in 18 -24 months," he told reporters after unveiling i1 and i2 and limited edition models of Bada Dost vehicles.

"As the rise in fuel prices dictate many things, we will deliver what the customer needs in the space of alternate fuel," he said, adding after the recent introduction of the electric double-decker bus in Mumbai, many States had evinced keen interest in the vehicle.

He also said that the industry was seeing a shift towards electric. Switch Mobility would be introducing the industry's first e-LCV in six months time and the firm would also foray into sub-2 tonne LCV category.

Mahindra unit rolls out cargo e-3 wheeler

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Mahindra Electric Mobility Ltd. (MEML), a part of the Mahindra Group, has rolled out its new cargo electric three-wheeler targeted mostly at institutional buyers and fleet operators that operate in e-com and logistics spaces.

"The last mile delivery and logistics segment has seen a need for premium and high-quality EVs to enable reliable and cost-effective cargo transportation," said Suman Mishra, CEO, after unveiling Zor Grand. The vehicle's variants are priced at ₹3.94 lakh, ₹3.90 lakh and ₹3.60 lakh. On Monday, MEML received about 15,000 bookings.

Coffee Day reduced debt to ₹1,810 cr. in FY22

In March 2019, debt stood at ₹7,214 cr.

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd. (CDEL) said it has reduced debt to ₹1,810 crore as on March 31.

In March 2019, the V.G. Siddhartha-promoted company had debts to the tune of ₹7,214 crore. By the end of March 2021, it reduced to ₹1,898 crore and further to ₹1,810 crore as on March 31, 2022, according the company's annual report.

During fiscal 2021-22, some 85% of CDEL's consolidated revenue came from coffee business. Hospitality accounted for 6% while other operations contributed 9%. Coffee business brought in a gross revenue of ₹496 crore in 2021-22, representing an increase of 24% over 2020-21. During the fiscal, the company's consolidated loss before tax stood at ₹111 crore compared with a consolidated loss of ₹450 crore in the year-earlier period.

Revenue from hospitality business increased by 40% from ₹25 crore in FY 2020-21 to ₹35 crore in FY 2021-22, the company said.

'Beijing ahead of Indian tech hubs in A-PAC'

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NEW DELHI

Bengaluru ranks second after Beijing on the list of top technology hubs in the Asia-Pacific region, according to property consultant Cushman & Wakefield.

In its report 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', the consultant has identified tech markets based on 14 criteria across talent, real estate, and business environment metrics. The report identified "Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Delhi as the top technology hubs in the APAC region after Beijing". Bengaluru leads India with 2,30,813 tech jobs created during the last fiscal.

SPORT

Arjun climbs to second in Indian rankings

Moves past Gukesh with a career-high live rating of 2726

DUBAI CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Firmly on the upward swing, Arjun Erigaisi moved to the second place in Indian rankings for the first time by reaching a career-high live rating of 2726 and overtaking D. Gukesh after the second round of the Dubai Open chess tournament in Dubai on Sunday.

29 in the van

Arjun, seeded two, defeated compatriot Nitish Belurkar to be among the 29 leaders, including 17 Indians.

The victory earned Arjun 1.7 rating points and saw him replace Gukesh (2725) as the world's 23rd-ranked player in the live list. Meanwhile, fourth seed R. Praggnanandhaa defeated Dushyant Sharma to move to the 61st place in live rankings at 2678.

Arjun. •FILE PHOTO: B. VELANKANNI RAJ

Top results (second round): Basheer Al Quadaimi (Yem, 1) lost to Alexandr Predke (FIDE, 2); Arjun Erigaisi (2) bt Nitish Belurkar (1); Mukhiddin Madaminov (Uzb, 1.5) drew with Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 1.5).

R. Praggnanandhaa (2) bt Dushyant Sharma (1); Arad Nazari (Iri, 1) lost to Abhijeet Gupta (2); S. P. Sethuraman (2) bt Meruert Kamalidenova (Kaz, 1).

Raunak Sadhwani (2) bt Sammed Shete (1); R.R. Laxman (1) lost to Vladimir Akopean (USA, 2); Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 2) bt Vantika Agrawal (1).

Aziz Husain (Qat, 1) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (2); Ajay Krishna (1) lost to Aram Hakobyan (Arm, 2); Temur Kuybokarov (Aus) lost to Rohith Krishna (2).

Harsha Bharathakoti (1.5) drew with Tanmay Chopra (1.5); Raahil Mullick (1.5) drew with P. Iniyan (1.5).

Shabelle clinches the feature event

HYDERABAD: Trainer S.S. Attaollahi's Shabelle, ridden by P. Trevor, won the Y. Shanker Rao Memorial Deccan Fillies Championship Stakes (Gr. 3), the main attraction of Monday's (Aug. 29) races.

The winner is owned by United Racing & Bloodstock Breeders Ltd. and Mr. Daulat Chhabria.

The chestnut filly Shabelle, who was in the second-last position, came wide as she entered the straight. But, when jockey Trevor showed her daylight and rode out vigorously, she came up with gigantic strides to wrest the winner's crown from Artemis Ignacia by a neck.

1. NICE FELLA PLATE (1,600m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II): **BARBET** (Trevor) 1, Carnival Lady (Gaurav Singh) 2, Swiss Girl (A.A. Vikrant) 3 and My Way Or Highway (Mohit Singh) 4. 3-3/4, 5 and Nk. 1m 41. 41s. ₹20 (w), 12, 35 and 30 (p). SHP: 156, THP: 70, SHW: 14 and 112, FP: 527, Q: 390, Tanala: 3,351. Favourite: Barbet.

Owners: Mr. K.N. Dhunjibhoy and Mr. Z.K. Dhunjibhoy rep. Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

2. MAHABUBABAD PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **PRIME GARDENIA** (G. Naresh) 1, Plethora (Nakhat Singh) 2, Top Diamond (Vivek G) 3 and Euphoria (D.S. Deora) 4. Not run: Black Ivy. 3-1/2, 1-1/2 and Nk. 1m 14. 90s. ₹44 (w), 13, 20 and 23 (p). SHP: 67, THP: 46, SHW: 21 and 34, FP: 256, Q: 147, Tanala: 1,872. Favourite: Wandring Warrior.

Owner: Mr. Mukesh Pitti. Trainer: Paramjith S. Jubbal.

3. CARTER PRINCESS PLATE (Div. I) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): SPECIAL AND THONG (Akshay Kumar) 1, Battle Ready (Suraj Narredu) 2, Red River (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Charmer (Nakhat Singh) 4. 4, 3/4 and 1/2. 1m 29. 88s. ₹18 (w), 12, 13 and 33 (p). SHP: 30, THP: 78, SHW: 16 and 11, FP: 33, Q: 21, Tanala: 218. Favourite: Special And Thong.

Owners: Ms. D.B. Poornima Chowdary, Mr. T. Rakesh Reddy & D. Ravi Chowdary. Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

HRC chairperson R. Surender Reddy presents the winner's trophy to Jockey P. Trevor of Shabelle. Also seen are HRC stewards C.S. Suresh, second right and N.V.R. Narasimha Reddy, centre, and trainer S.S. Attaollahi, left. •G. RAMAKRISHNA

4. RACHAKONDA CUP (2,000m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **N R I SUPERPOWER** (Akshay Kumar) 1, Yesterday (Chouhan) 2, Advance Gaurd (Surya Prakash) 3 and Grand Duke (R.S. Jodha) 4. Not run: Dillon. 3-3/4, 7 and 3/4. 2m 7. 36s. ₹17 (w), 11, 12 and 20 (p). SHP: 29, THP: 44, SHW: 13 and 19, FP: 31, Q: 23, Tanala: 113.

Favourite: N R I Superpower.

Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

5. Y. SHANKER RAO MEMORIAL DECCAN FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (Gr.3) (1,600m), (Terms) Fillies, 3-y-o only: **SHABELLE** (Sanus Per Aquam-Schiavone) (P. Trevor) 1, Artemis Ignacia (Excellent Art-Windsor Manor) (Chouhan) 2, Beauty Blaze (Top Class-Locy In The Sky) (Sandesh) 3 and Speaking Of Love (Speaking Of Which-Artesia) (Akshay Kumar) 4. Nk, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2. 1m 39. 64s. ₹45 (w), 16, 15 and 28 (p). SHP: 43, THP: 57, SHW: 14 and 29, FP: 205, Q: 95, Tanala: 796. Favourite: Inyouwebelieve.

Owners: United Racing & Bloodstock Breeders Ltd. and Mr. Daulat Chhabria. Trainer: S.S. Attaollahi.

6. CARTER PRINCESS PLATE (Div II) (1,400m), 4-y-o & upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): **SPECTACULAR CRUISE** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Challenger (R.S. Jodha) 2, Amalfitana (Chouhan) 3 and Ashwa Pushkin (Santosh Raj) 4. 4-1/4, 3 and 1/2. 1m 29. 36s. ₹31 (w), 15, 20 and 13 (p). SHP: 42, THP: 59, SHW: 15 and 30, FP: 225, Q: 101, Tanala: 548. Favourite: Amalfitana.

Owners: Mr. P. Ranga Raju & Mrs. T. Rohini. Trainer: D. Netto.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹4,143 (147 tkts.), 30%: 391 (271 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: 391 (271 tkts.).

Treble (i): 326 (172 tkts.), (ii): 338 (212 tkts.).

A BG-BLE

Hardik Pandya — a comeback greater than the 2018 setback

His performance in the opener against Pakistan reiterates his value to the team; memories of the back injury he suffered against the same opponent flood back

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

"The comeback is greater than the setback," Hardik Pandya posted on Twitter on Monday.

The post contained a picture of him being stretchered off the field and another of him with raised bat after India's victory over Pakistan on Sunday.

Life has come full circle for Hardik, who in 2018 suffered a back injury against the same opponent, at the same venue, and in the same tournament. The injury forced him to cut down on bowling duties for a couple of seasons.

Saga of courage: Hardik remembers with pride the journey since that day in 2018 when he was taken out on a stretcher and this day when he was architect of India's victory. • AFP & AP

Questions

Questions were asked whether he deserved an all-rounder spot in the Indian team after he bowled just four overs in the 2021 T20 World Cup. Things started to look up for the Baroda cricketer in the IPL earlier this year, when he led Gujarat Titans to the title.

He bowled at full tilt, and turned the final in Gujarat's favour by taking the key wickets of Rajasthan Royals' Sanju Samson, Jos Buttler and Shimron Hetmyer.

On Sunday, Hardik reiterated his bowling prowess, keeping an intelligent short length to prise out three Pakistan scalps. Bouncers at around 140kmph rushed Mohammad Rizwan and Iftikhar Ahmed into false shots, while another short ball proved too good for Khushdil Shah.

With the bat, Hardik shepherded the chase, staying till the end. His 52-run fifth-wicket stand with Ravindra Jadeja came at a crucial time, when India was under the pump.

There was some panic when Jadeja departed in the last over, but in keeping with his flamboyant nature, Hardik finished the match with a big six off spinner Mohammad Nawaz.

Memories of the unfortunate injury has stuck with Hardik, who is pleased to have turned the tide.

Speaking to Jadeja in a video for *bcci.tv*, Hardik said, "I remember everything (from the 2018 Asia Cup injury). I was taken out on a stretcher. It was the same dressing room.

"I feel a sense of achievement, having gone through all that and now playing the way I did. The journey was beautiful, and I'm reaping the fruits of the journey," he said.

Gratitude

He thanked Soham Desai, the lead strength and conditioning coach of the Indian team, and former Indian team physiotherapist Nitin Patel for doing the hard work to get him back into top shape.

There is now little doubt that Hardik will play a big role in the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia.

To keep him fully fit for the mega event, the team management will do well to engage in load management.

Hardik is an invaluable asset that must be protected.

A complete bowling performance: Bhuvneshwar

Seamer lauds the other bowlers too for delivering according to the conditions

ASHWIN ACHAL
AYAN ACHARYA
DUBAI

Indian pace spearhead Bhuvneshwar Kumar hailed his side's all-round bowling performance that helped the defending Asia Cup champion beat Pakistan by five wickets in its campaign opener in Dubai on Sunday.

"I'm very happy with how I bowled. That said, sometimes bowling economically is also a contribution. It wasn't just me, the way Hardik and others bowled – I would say it was a complete bowling performance," said Bhuvneshwar, who returned figures of four for 26.

In Dubai's heat and humidity, on a tacky wicket, India won the toss and chose to bowl. The lack of movement through the air and off the surface meant that the Indian quicks tried to exploit the bounce in the surface by bowling short and short-of-a-length.

Bhuvneshwar explained the rationale: "Bowling first was the better option. The grass on the surface was patchy, which wasn't suitable for the batters. We bowl according to the conditions. We bowl yorkers when needed but the wicket today demanded length balls."

Captain's pride: Bhuvneshwar, right, troubled the Pakistan batters and also provided crucial breakthroughs. • AFP

Dubai also hosted T20 World Cup matches last year in October and November when the weather was cooling down. Dew played a huge role with teams winning the toss and predominantly choosing to chase.

However, in the first two games of this Asia Cup, being played in August and September, dew has stayed away. "The conditions are much different than what we saw at the World Cup last year. There wasn't any dew," Bhuvneshwar said.

Babar Azam felt the Pakistan batters couldn't capitalise on a strong start. Pakistan was 87 for three in the 13th over and folded for 147. "The way we started we were 10-15 runs short," Babar said. "We came back thanks to our outstanding fast bowling. Dahani stepped up with the bat which really gave us something to defend, but it's a shame we couldn't finish it off."

TODAY'S MATCH
GROUP B
Afghanistan vs Bangladesh
Sharjah, 7:30 p.m. IST

Over-rate issue

India struggled with the over-rate in Sunday's match, getting penalised for the lethargy in the last three overs of the Pakistan innings. The latter, incidentally, was also careless with time and received the same punishment.

Bhuvneshwar acknowledged the problem, stating that it will be discussed at the next team meeting.

"We do address these things. It is one of the points where you can lose the match. Today we were lucky that Pakistan was also short with the over-rate in the last three overs. So it evened out.

"We always talk about over rate, because if this happens in the final of the Asia Cup or the World Cup, we can lose the match," he said.

'Want to emulate Virat, Rohit and Babar'

Playing Pakistan and India the best motivation, feels Hong Kong skipper Nizakat

AYAN ACHARYA
DUBAI

Hong Kong skipper Nizakat Khan wants to win the first match of the Asia Cup 2022 against India in Dubai on Wednesday. Nizakat was talking to *Sportstar* after a high-intensity practice session with his team at the ICC Academy in Dubai.

Hong Kong is placed with India and Pakistan in Group-A. At the previous edition in 2018, Hong Kong came genuinely close to beating India before losing by just 26 runs.

Nizakat, opening the batting for Hong Kong at the time, made 92 off 115. As the leader of the unit now, he is excited at being grouped alongside the two subcontinent giants. "Playing against Pakistan and India will be special, that's the best motivation you can get. We want to emulate Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Babar Azam," Nizakat says.

Upbeat: Hong Kong will look to put up a good show against the Asian giants after having won the qualifiers. • TWITTER/HONG KONG CRICKET

Special praise

Nizakat reserved special praise for head coach Trent Johnston. The former Ireland captain took over the reins in 2019. "Trent is a different character," Nizakat says with a smile. "We have gelled well with him. Unfortunately, we were under lockdown, on and off, for 2.5 years, so he didn't have much time to prepare us. But we used to have *Zoom* sessions for our fitness training."

Nizakat adds, "He is a strict disciplinarian. You cannot be late for your training or arrive late for the team bus. It'll leave without you. This kind of habit is important for a team to grow. He has helped us imbibe this trait."

We have a domestic structure in place which is crucial for funnelling talent

Nizakat says cricket is gaining popularity in Hong Kong now but there's still a lot of scope for improvement. "We have a domestic structure in place, which is crucial for funnelling talent. There are Saturday and Sunday leagues, Premier League and now, there's a new All-Star league.

"We've lots of juniors coming through the ranks, who can represent Hong Kong in the future. It's certainly better than when I was growing up.

We play more games now... that's a plus, but we have limited facilities

"We still want more cricket. We play more games now. That's a plus. But we have limited facilities. It is unfortunate but I am sure Cricket Hong Kong will work on it as well."

Lebanon realises the World Cup dream

Lone-ranger: Pranav played his heart out, scoring 19 points for India. • K. MURALI KUMAR

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

Lebanon qualified for the 2023 FIBA World Cup after handing India its sixth successive defeat with a 95-63 thrashing in an Asian Qualifiers match at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Monday.

Jonathan Arledge and Wael Arakji led the way with 21 and 15 points, but it was a wholesome performance by Lebanon, with all 10 players getting on the scoresheet. The 2023 World Cup will be the nation's fourth ever, and the first since 2010.

"For players, there are two dreams – to be in the World Cup and the Olympics," said coach Jad El Hajj after the match. "We are now in the World Cup. This is our new generation and it will be their first time. So, we are very happy."

India matched Lebanon in the first few exchanges, going up 11-10. But after that, it was pretty much one-way traffic, with Lebanon leading by 10 points after the first quarter, 20 after the second and 29 after the third.

The visiting side's swift passing, marauding drives into the paint and ability to shoot three-pointers at will stood out. The Lebanese defence was also top-notch, rarely allowing the Indians to penetrate. Only small-forward Pranav Prince drove at his opponents with gusto and finished the match with 19 points.

Captain Muin Bek Hafeez disappointed, but for a couple of three-pointers towards the end. The Indians' game was also riddled with fouls. There was a moment late in the third quarter when coach Veselin Matic furiously barked at his players, "You cannot play like this." But by then, the match was dead and buried.

Murray cruises on milestone day

The 10th anniversary of the Brit's maiden Slam triumph

U.S. OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Andy Murray marked the 10th anniversary of his maiden Grand Slam triumph with an impressive straight sets win over Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo on Monday. The 35-year-old Murray defeated the 24th seed 7-5, 6-3, 6-3, showing no signs of recent cramping problems which had plagued his hard-court summer.

"It felt like five sets," said Murray after his first straight sets victory at the Slams since Wimbledon in 2017. "They were very tricky conditions, very hot and humid. Just really happy to get through that one."

On top of his game: Murray passed the opening test with flying colours. • AP

Medvedev's 'revenge'

Daniil Medvedev launched the defence of his US Open crown with a 6-2, 6-4, 6-0 win over American Stefan Kozlov in a contest that lasted two hours and one minute.

The Russian is bidding to become the first man to successfully defend the U.S. Open title since Roger Federer in 2008.

Victory was sweet for Medvedev, who revealed he had regularly struggled to beat Kozlov when the two played at junior level.

"He was almost impossible to beat," said the Russian, citing one encounter where his opponent "destroyed me." "I was happy to get my revenge today."

TOP RESULTS

First round: Women: 17-Garcia (Fra) bt Rakhimova (Rus) 6-2, 6-4; 29-Riske-Amritraj (USA) bt Yu (USA) 6-2, 6-4; 18-Kudermetova (Rus) bt Vekic (Cro) 7-5, 6-3; 3-Sakkari (Gre) bt Maria (Ger) 6-4, 3-6, 6-0.
Men: John Wolf (USA) bt 16-Bautista Agut (Esp) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Murray (GBR) bt 24-Cerundolo (Arg) 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; 1-Medvedev bt Kozlov (USA) 6-2, 6-4, 6-0; 29-Paul (USA) bt Miralles (Esp) 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-0, 7-5; Wu (Chn) bt 31-Basilashvili (Geo) 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.

Fallen seeds

- Men: 16-Bautista Agut; 24-Cerundolo; 31-Basilashvili

Lewandowski impresses again

Scores a double as Barcelona romps past Valladolid

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MADRID

Robert Lewandowski continued his strong start with Barcelona by scoring twice for the second game in a row as Jules Kounde made his debut in a 4-0 win over Real Valladolid in LaLiga on Sunday.

A typical poacher's finish from the Poland star on 24 minutes set Barca on their way before teenage midfielder Pedri added a second on the stroke of half-time at the Camp Nou.

Lewandowski struck again just past the hour to make it four goals in three matches since his trumpeted summer arrival from Bayern Munich, with Sergi Roberto netting late on.

"To have Lewandowski in your team is a blessing," said Barca coach Xavi Hernandez.

"He's an extraordinary player. Spectacular. A natural leader. It's a blessing to have him with us, it's marvellous.

"He's a model, a born worker. He's humble, he works for the team, he helps the coaching staff, he makes the difference."

Barca jumped up to third on seven points from three matches, two behind Real Madrid and Real Betis.

Xavi handed Kounde his first start after the club was finally able to register the France defender it signed from Sevilla last month for a reported €50 million ($49.8 mn).

The goal rush: Lewandowski toe-pokes the ball past a diving Masip. • GETTY IMAGES

After a goalless draw on the opening weekend, Barca put four past Real Sociedad last time out, and the Catalans began in similar fashion with Lewandowski going close with an early header.

Lewandowski met an inswinging delivery from Raphinha, his glancing effort striking the post and rebounding off Valladolid goalkeeper Jordi Masip before tricking along the line to safety.

Pedri then spotted the run of Raphinha in behind but the Brazilian was thwarted by Masip, who was well beaten moments later when Ousmane Dembele's venomous shot clipped the crossbar.

Barca's pressure finally told as Raphinha whipped in another teasing cross, sowing confusion in the Valladolid defence which a gambling Lewandowski punished by stabbing home.

A marauding Dembele tested Masip from range, and then created the second for Pedri by rolling a perfectly-weighted ball for the midfielder to bury with a first-time side-foot finish.

Lewandowski all but put the game beyond reach on 64 minutes, running onto a pass from Dembele and cleverly backheeling past Masip with the help of a deflection off Joaquin Fernandez.

Ansu Fati forced a sharp stop from Masip after coming off the bench, but Barca grabbed a fourth in stoppage time as Roberto volleyed home.

The results: LaLiga: Getafe 0 drew with Villarreal 0; Barcelona 4 (Lewandowski 24 & 65, Pedri 43, Roberto 90+2) bt Valladolid 0; Espanyol 1 (Joselu 43) lost to Real Madrid 3 (Vinicius 12, Benzema 88 & 90+10).
Premier League: Nottingham Forest 0 lost to Tottenham 2 (Kane 5 & 81).

IN BRIEF

McIlroy rallies to win Tour Championship

WASHINGTON

Rory McIlroy rallied from six strokes down starting the final round to overtake top-ranked Scottie Scheffler and win his record third FedEx Cup title on Sunday by capturing the PGA's Tour Championship. He fired a four-under 66 to finish on 21-under 263. AFP

Quick Guns in playoffs; Yoddhas also qualify

SPORTS BUREAU

PUNE

Chennai Quick Guns qualified for the playoffs with a 58-42 win over Mumbai Khiladis in the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho on Monday.

Quick Guns, which became the third team to book a playoffs berth, also helped Telugu Yoddhas progress.

Odisha Juggernauts and Gujarat Giants are the other sides which made the grade.

Vinesh in women's squad

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA

Vinesh Phogat defeated World under-20 champion Antim Panghal on Monday in the women's trials for the World wrestling championships, starting in Belgrade on September 10.

Vinesh – who faced a tough challenge from Antim in the Commonwealth Games trials in May – beat the youngster 7-0 to take the 53kg slot in Lucknow.

The squad: Ankush (50kg), Vinesh Phogat (53kg), Sushma Shokeen (55kg), Sarita Mor (57kg), Mansi Ahlawat (59kg), Sonam Malik (62kg), Shefali (65kg), Nisha Dahiya (68kg), Reetika (72kg) and Priyanka (76kg).

Abhinandh, Sathyanarayanan clinch gold

Abhinandh.

TABLE TENNIS

SPORTS BUREAU

- Payas Jain won silver in the under-19 category

India's P.B. Abhinandh and K. Sathyanarayanan bagged the under-15 and under-11 boys' gold medals while Payas Jain took home the silver in the under-19 category in the World Table Tennis Youth Contender held in Amman (Jordan) on Sunday.

Abhinandh defeated Yassin Gaber of Egypt 11-8, 4-11, 13-11, 11-9 while Sathyanarayanan got the better of Vatsal Duklan 11-9, 6-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8.

The results (finals):

Boys: U-19: Payas Jain lost to Lin Yen-Chu (Tpe) 11-6, 5-11, 9-11, 4-11.

U-15: P.B. Abhinandh bt Yassin Gaber (Egy) 11-8, 4-11, 13-11, 11-9.

U-11: K. Sathyanarayanan bt Vatsal Duklan 11-9, 6-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8.

Girls: U-19: M. Nithyashree lost to Cheng Pu-Suyan (Tpe) 8-11, 11-5, 7-11, 9-11.

U-15: Hardee Chetan Patel bt Riana Bhoota 4-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-8.

U-13: Riana Bhoota bt Baran Arjmand (Iri) 11-4, 8-11, 11-3, 11-8.

U-11: Aradhya Dhingra bt Joumana Abdel Shakour (Egy) 11-9, 12-10, 11-6.

Sathyanarayanan.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Arjun and Dhruv share the spoils, put Vijaya in final

Five-wicket hauls from Arjun Nair (5/31) and P. Dhruv (5/25) were instrumental in Vijaya CC entering the final of the KSCA (Group I) under-19 inter-club tournament after securing the first-innings lead against Vultures CC.

In the summit clash, Vijaya will meet Swastic Union CC (2) which got past Jawahar SC, also taking the first-innings lead route, riding on M.B. Shivam's century (127).

The scores (semifinals):

Vultures 118 in 36.1 overs (Sireesh Balgaar 40, Gyan Somaiah 31, Arjun Nair 5/31, P. Dhruv 5/25) drew with Vijaya 245/4 in 57 overs (Thippa Reddy 93, B. Vijaya Raj 63, Prakar Chaturvedi 67 n.o.).

Swastic Union (2) 329 in 81.5 overs (M.B. Shivam 127, S.H. Swaroop 27, Dheeraj J.Gowda 25, Lakshan 110, Hardik Raj 4/97) & 103/2 in 18.1 overs (M.B. Shivam 58, Harshil 30 n.o.) drew with Jawahar SC 149 in 42 overs (M.P. Samarth 43, Madhav T. Mandayam 32, L. Manvanth Kumar 4/74, Dheeraj J. Gowda 3/19).

All-round show by Rudra

Rudra Singh's all-round effort (103 & 3/28) helped Century Cricketers thrash Jaidur Cricketers by 182 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Hammonds 133 in 31.1 overs (Tanish Raj Dora 50, Shreehaan Arinjai 3/25, Vignesh Rana 3/33) lost to Chintamani SA 137/2 in 26 overs (Taman Ponnanna Maletira 40, Gaurav Raj Urs Ganesh 43 n.o., Nachiketh Prabhakar 34 n.o.).

Engrades 126 in 35.1 overs (Ishanth Reddy 28, Sai Kritin Yedidi 5/42) lost to BUCC (1) 127/2 in 15.4 overs (Hamza Shafi 25, J. Diyaan 45, V. Srithan 30 n.o.).

Century Cricketers 312 in 49.3 overs (Ishaan N.Yathiraj 31, Rudra Singh 103, G. Prajwal 78, M. Adithya 33, Aakarsh Uktha Maiya 3/57) bt Jaidur Cricketers 130 in 29.4 overs (Aakarsh Uktha Maiya 46, Rudra Singh 3/28, K. Khush Jain 5/21).

Jupiter CA 159 in 49.2 overs (Mohith Prakash 31, N. Nitin Reddy 3/24) lost to FUCC (2) 160/3 in 38.1 overs (Shaurya Manish 51 n.o., Ansh Singh 37).

Cavaliers 166 in 43.5 overs (K.L. Tharun Kumar 38, Bhavish Sriram 4/24) lost to Wilson Garden 168/2 in 27 overs (Chondroneel Nandi 74 n.o., Mohammed Fahad Ali 47).

Jolly Cricketers 235/8 in 50 overs (M. Dixit 44, K.S. Mokhit 71 n.o., Ansuman 25) bt Young Lions Club 102 in 36.3 overs (S.R. Sachin 43, Vaasav Venkatesh 3/29).

Bangalore Occasionals 371/3 in 50 overs (Manas A.Balaji 81, S. Vajra 38, Ashith Shivanna 123 n.o., A. Siddharth 103 n.o.) bt Hanumanthnagar 135 in 38.2 overs (Yashvardhn Anoop Singh 25, Raza Mohamood 40, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 3/21).

Sir Syed Cricketers 199 in 39.2 overs (Sujaybhushan Patil 36, Chirayu Reddy 60) bt Lions 139 in 36.1 overs (N.P. Vivek 25, Keerthan S.Shenoy 40, Anirudh Deepak 5/39).

Lalrinmuani on song for Kemp FC

Lalrinmuani scored six goals as Kemp FC walloped Pink Panthers 10-2 in the Karnataka Women's League football tournament, here on Monday.

The results: Kickstart FC 8 (Sabara Khatun 11, Gudiy Kumar 23-og, Kaviya Pakkirisamy 35, 45+2, 48, Sushmita Lepcha 41, 54, Arun Bag 83) bt Parikram FC 1 (Sanila Basumatary 89); Modern Girls FC 1 (Mayanglambam Joshima Devi 23) bt Roots FC 0; Kemp FC 10 (Lalbiak Diki 6, Lalrinmuani 12, 24, 27, 81, 84, 90+1, Lalnunsiami 37, Zairemma Chawngthu 78, Elizabeha Vanlalmawii 88) bt Pink Panthers FC 2 (Lavana Gebell 71, Aleena Tony 89).

Siddharth ties the knot

Karnataka cricketer K.V. Siddharth tied the knot with Meghna Bhandary here on Monday.

Siddharth was Karnataka's top-scorer in the 2021-22 Ranji Trophy, totalling 410 runs, including a century and two half-centuries.

LIVE TELECAST

Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 & 6 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 & 8.45 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2, Six & LIV, 8.30 p.m. onwards
Premier League: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12. 30 a.m. (Wednesday)
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 1.15 a.m. (Wednesday).

Amlan breaks 100m national record

SPORTS BUREAU

Amlan Borgohain, who holds the 200m national record, has now added the 100m mark to his name.

The 24-year-old from Assam clocked 10.25s (wind speed +1.8, legal) to break the six-year-old national record of Amiya Kumar Mallick (10.26s) in the 87th all-India inter-Railway athletics championships at Rae Bareli on Monday.

Borgohain's previous best, 10.34s, came at the National Open in Warangal last year. However, it is not anywhere close to the entry standard (10.00s) for next year's World Championships in Budapest.

Goud to coach Andhra seniors

Yere Goud. • FILE PHOTO

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BENGALURU

Former Karnataka and Railways cricketer Yere Goud has been appointed coach of the Andhra senior men's cricket team.

Goud was until recently coach of the Karnataka team, a position he took over in the summer of 2018.

Though the Ranji Trophy title proved elusive, Karnataka won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T20) twice and reached the final once and won the Vijay Hazare Trophy (one-day) once under his stewardship.

Madhav Buchi passes away

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Madhav Buchi Prakash. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Madhav Buchi Prakash (72), great grandson of M. Buchi Babu (considered the father of South Indian cricket), passed away in New Delhi on Sunday.

Heart-attack

Madhav suffered a heart-attack while playing a polo match in the capital city.

Madhav, a businessman, also played squash, tennis and golf. He is survived by wife, a son and two daughters.

Mumbai City thrashes Rajasthan United

Crespo's brace guides Odisha to a convincing win over Sudeva Delhi

DURAND CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA

KOLKATA

Former Indian Super League champion Mumbai City FC played true to form to defeat I-League side Rajasthan United FC 5-1 in a Group B league match of the 131st Durand Cup football tournament here on Monday and qualified for the quarterfinals.

Doubling the lead

Greg Stewart opened the scoring for Mumbai in the 10th minute before Lallianzuala Chhangte doubled the lead in the 18th.

Mehtab Singh found the third in the 36th minute and Ahmed Jahouh (penalty) and Vikram Pratap Singh added one each after the break.

Gyanmar Nikum was the lone scorer for Rajasthan United.

The win took Mumbai City to the top of the group league table with seven points from three matches.

ATK Mohun Bagan (four points from three matches), Rajasthan United (four from three), East Bengal (two from three) and Indian Navy (one from three) occupy the following positions.

The top two teams from each group progress to the knockout stage (quarterfinals).

Sports Bureau reports from Guwahati

Saul Crespo's brace guided Odisha FC to a convincing 3-0 win over Sudeva Delhi FC in a Group D match at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium on Monday.

Crespo struck in the 19th and 39th minutes and Jerry Mawhmingthanga in the 40th to fashion Odisha's third successive victory. It earned the team a place in the quarterfinals.

Odisha dominated the first half and scored all the goals before half-time.

The results:

Group B: Mumbai City FC 5 (Greg Stewart 10, Lallianzuala Chhangte 18, Mehtab Singh 36, Ahmed Jahouh 63-pen, Vikram Pratap Singh 90+2) bt Rajasthan United FC 1 (Gyanmar Nikum 67).

Group D: Odisha FC 3 (Crespo 19, 39, Jerry 40) bt Sudeva Delhi 0.

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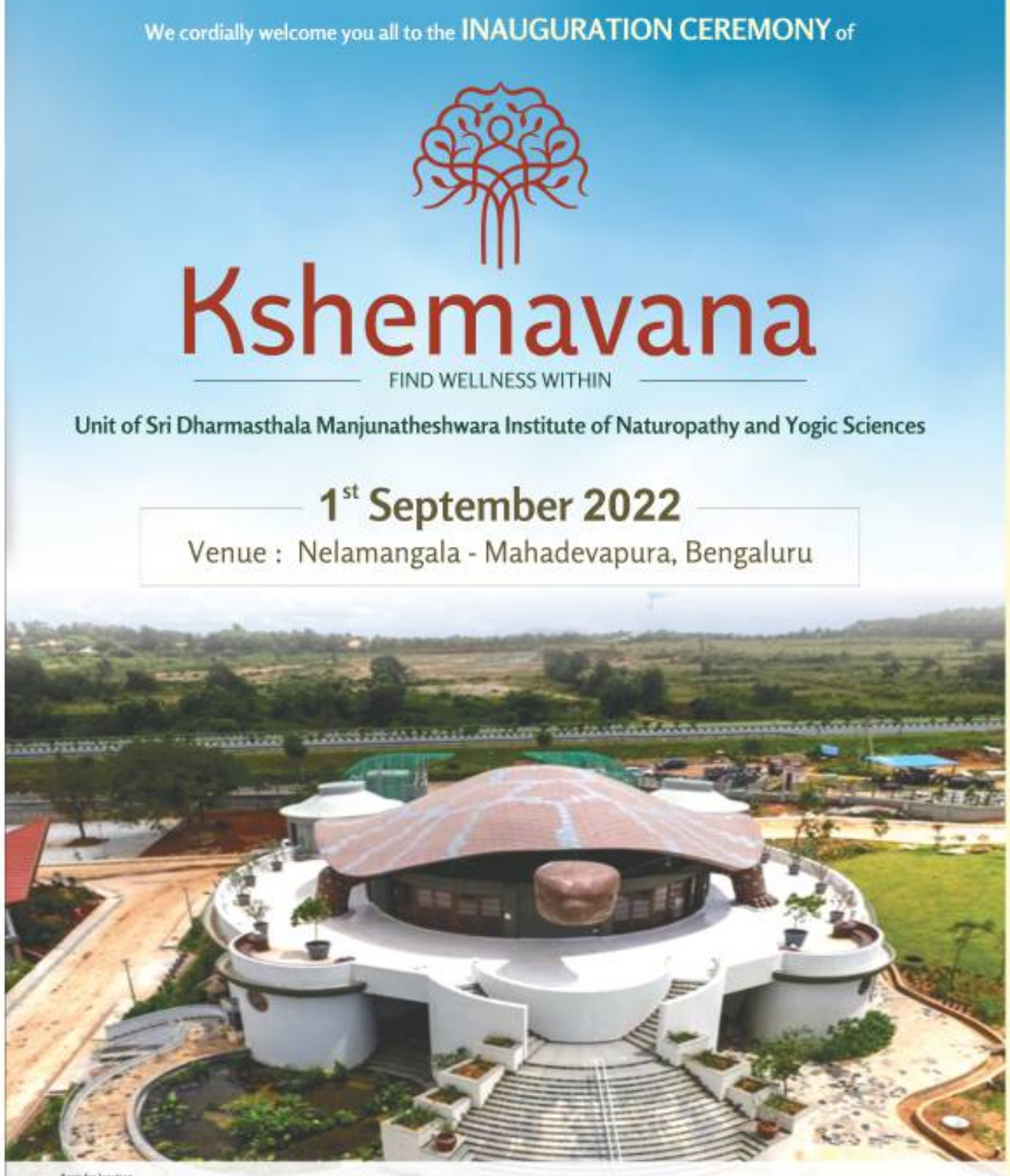

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